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THE DAY'S WORK IN BOTH HOUSES.

A LARGE NUMBER OF BILLS PRESENTED IN THE LOWER HOUSE—THE SPECIE RESUMPTION ACT—A RESOLUTION ON THE DISMISSAL OF HENDERSON—THE SENATE ALLOWS M'MILLAN TO WITHDRAW.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—In the House to-day, by unanimous consent, there was a call of the States as if the day had been Monday. Most of the members had their desks full of bills and resolutions which the call enabled them to transfer to the files of the Clerk's office. Every subject which could be reached by legislation was covered in the House to-day by bill or resolution. There were several bills to authorize the payment of import duties in legal tenders, and eight providing for the repeal of the specie resumption act, all of which came from the Democratic side. Two or three bills favoring resumption were offered. Willis, of New-York, presented a bill for improving Harlem River, $1,000,000 being the sum thought necessary for the work.

A round dozen bills were introduced to repeal the increased postal rates on third-class matter. Bright, of Tennessee, wants the franking privilege restored, and as a step in that direction presented a bill extending that privilege to the *Congressional Record*.

Numerous joint and other resolutions were introduced, and much time was consumed in fruitless efforts to pass them under the operation of the previous question. Blaine introduced a joint resolution proposing his previously published amendment to the Constitution prohibiting a division of school funds. Three similar amendatory propositions were introduced touching the Presidential office, proposing to limit it to one term of six years, making an incumbent ineligible for a second election, and one proposed to constitute the retiring President a United States Senator for life. Buckner, of Missouri, caused a little sensation by a resolution calling for all the correspondence relating to the dismissal of Henderson from the prosecution of the whisky trials at St. Louis, all of which has been already published. The request of Lawrence, of Ohio, that the words, "if not incompatible with public interests," be inserted in the resolution, was the subject of laughter on the Democratic side. The resolution had to lie over one day under the rules, Kasson raising the point of order. Randall presented a resolution calling for all the correspondence and data which led to the whisky raid in the various Western cities, which was also laid over on a point of order.

Wilson, of Iowa, tried, but failed, to get a vote on a resolution declaring it to be the duty of Congress to regulate commerce upon inter-State railroads. Payne, of Ohio, wants the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish the House with information concerning the Alaska seal fisheries, and Holman got in his anti-subsidy resolution, which came within one of receiving the necessary two-thirds vote last Winter. Before adjourning, three bills were passed, two of them providing for removing political disabilities from two Virginians; the third was the Senate bill providing for an extension of time of the Alabama Claims Commission. There was also a bill to repeal the iron-clad oath for members of Congress.

Mr. Fort, of Illinois, offered a resolution which caused a great deal of excitement on the Democratic side and much merriment among Republicans. Mr. Cox may claim the credit of having delivered the Democrats out of the hands of their enemies with as little loss as was possible under the circumstances. Mr. Fort offered a resolution expressing the sense of the House that in the appointments of subordinates under the officers of the House, wounded Union soldiers not disabled from performing duty should be preferred. Such a resolution would have passed unanimously a few years ago, but now, when sixty-four or sixty-five members of the House have to take a modified oath, and when more ex-Confederate soldiers than Union men are appointed to its offices, so that Northern Democrats are complaining that they were on the wrong side during the war to get office now, such a proposition presented a very embarrassing dilemma. A direct vote on it could not of course be permitted, so the demand for the previous question was voted down by a strict party vote, in order to give an opportunity for a motion to refer. This was made by Mr. Cox, who, at the same time, offered a resolution that, the union of the States being restored, all citizens were equally entitled to appointments to office under the Government. This was considered such a happy release that several Democrats came down to Mr. Cox's desk and shook hands upon it. The resolution was referred to a committee, and Union soldiers are referred to some future House of Representatives for appointments.

Mr. Chittenden, of New-York, offered the following bill in the House, to provide for the resumption of specie payments:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby authorized and directed to sell, for legal tender notes, to be immediately canceled and destroyed, on the first Tuesday of each and every month, in the City of New-York, to the highest bidder, by such methods as are now employed in the sale of Government gold coin, the bonds of the United States for $3,000,000, coupon or registered, as may be most for the advantage of the Treasury for the time being, bearing interest payable in gold coin semi-annually, at the rate of four and one-half per cent. per annum; the principal of such bonds to be payable in thirty years, from the 1st of January, 1876, in gold coin. The act to take effect as soon as the bonds hereby authorized can be prepared.

The session of the Senate to-day was mostly occupied with the discussion of the resolution which went over from Thursday last granting to Mr. McMillan, of Louisiana, the contestant for the vacant seat in the Senate from that State, leave to withdraw his papers from the files of the Senate and retire from the contest. The discussion was interesting, as it revived the old Louisiana troubles and brought out some expressions of opinion as to the effect of the withdrawal upon the rights of Pinchback. Mr. Morton said the credentials amounted to nothing, and it made no difference whether they were withdrawn or not, and Mr. Howe, on the Republican side, took the same ground. Senators Stevenson, Thurman, Whyte, Salusbury, and Bayard, for the Democrats, took the same ground as to the effect the withdrawal would have upon the chances of Pinchback, but they contended that the papers were the property of the Senate and could not be surrendered. The resolution granting a withdrawal was finally passed by a vote of 28 to 30.

McMillan will no more be considered a contestant for the seat, and the case of Pinchback is now left exactly where it has all along been considered to rest, undisputedly upon its own merits. If admitted to the seat which he claims it will hardly be in time to do more than draw his pay from the time when he claims to have been elected.

Senator Morton did not secure the opportunity to introduce the resolutions relative to States' rights, which were printed this morning, but he will probably have the opportunity to-morrow. There is expected to arise a debate upon these resolutions, in which Mr. Morton will himself participate, and the Democratic Senators will be forced to say directly whether they regard the United States as a nation or merely as a confederacy.

THE COMMITTEES.

A PETITION IN CIRCULATION IN FAVOR OF MR. WOOD FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE—NONE OF THE COMMITTEES YET FULLY MADE UP.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The friends of Fernando Wood are making earnest efforts to have him appointed Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. To-day a paper was circulated among the Democrats of the New-York delegation soliciting Speaker Kerr to place Wood at the head of the committee. How far the paper was signed could not be ascertained, but it is known that some of the members declined to sign upon the ground that such a proceeding was impolitic and unusual.

The work of preparing the committees goes slowly forward, and the whole of no single committee has as yet been decided upon. The sectional differences to be harmonized render it necessary to make and remake each committee, with a view to provide equitably for each interest and section. A number of the Chairmanships have been fixed upon, but there are none except Mr. Randall who are not subject to change. It is now possible that they will not be completed and announced until after the holiday recess, as there is a large element desirous of adjourning over from Thursday of this week until the 6th of January. If there should be no adjournment till next week it is fairly certain that they will be announced next Tuesday. Mr. Kerr is very reticent, even to his party friends, as to how he is progressing, and only three or four men have been taken into his confidence as advisers in the work. The House meets again to-morrow, and will take up some of the resolutions laid over to-day, particularly those calling for information from the Executive departments.

THE SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.

THE DEMOCRATS OF THE HOUSE EMBARRASSED BY THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The members of the House continue to be troubled with the disposition of the few offices to which they have fallen heirs. To-day a colored woman in charge of the ladies' reception-room for several years was removed, and the widow of a Confederate soldier appointed in her place. Last night it was decided that the Pennsylvania delegation should have four places under the Doorkeeper, and the Pennsylvania members were invited to draw lots to determine which of them should have the appointments. Mr. Cox, as the result of a similar drawing, had a man of about fifty years old designated for the place of a page. An ex-member, John D. Young, from Kentucky, is on the rolls of the Doorkeeper. Mr. Adams, the Clerk, has resisted the pressure, in order to secure competent assistants, which in his office are indispensable.

THE VISIT TO THE CENTENNIAL GROUNDS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Grant, several members of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and about two hundred and fifty Senators and members of Congress will participate in the excursion to the Centennial grounds on Friday and Saturday next. A special train will leave here at 3 P. M. for Philadelphia, and return Saturday night.

THE FOSTER-BLAINE LETTER.

MR. BLAINE DECLINES TO BE "INTERVIEWED"—HE KNOWS NOTHING OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE LETTER.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Mr. Blaine persistently refuses to be "interviewed" about the James Y. Foster letter. He says there is nothing for him to do in the matter, as he has not the slightest knowledge of the manner in which Foster's letter came to be published. Mr. Blaine seems to think that it is what a man writes, and not what is written to him, that he is responsible for. Probably Foster is mistaken in supposing that his letter never reached Mr. Blaine, for the latter has not denied receiving it. Some investigations are in progress at Augusta to discover how it happened to be printed. It might have been accidentally lost from the numerous letters received by Mr. Blaine. Probably he is right in supposing this to be a case in which, according to the old proverb, "The least said the soonest mended."

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

REDEMPTION OF TREASURY NOTES AND CURRENCY — COMMITTEE BUSINESS — THE CABINET—NAVAL ORDERS.

WASAINGTON, Dec. 14.—Yesterday's general dispatch, announcing that the Treasury would soon issue a circular requiring banks and others to prepay the express charges on national bank notes fit for circulation forwarded for redemption, was intended to refer to legal tender notes and fractional currency, and not to national bank notes. The law governing the redemption of bank notes requires that the charges on all national bank notes, whether fit or unfit for circulation, forwarded for redemption, shall be advanced by the agency and afterward assessed upon the issuing banks in proportion to their circulation redeemed. No question has ever been raised concerning the construction of the provisions of the Redemption act on this point, and the redemption agency will continue to pay the charges on all notes forwarded in accordance therewith as heretofore.

The Senate Committees on Foreign Relations and Post Offices and Post Roads held meetings to-day, at which the various nominations referred to them were referred to subcommittees for report. The Senate Finance Committee also met, and passed a resolution of sorrow at the death of Mr. T. W. Rees, of Ohio, formerly Clerk of that committee, referring to his efficient services and his proved uprightness. Benjamin Durfee, of Ohio, and recently of the Treasury Department, was to-day appointed to succeed Mr. Rees as Clerk of the Finance Committee.

The Cabinet session to-day was short. Several appointments were under consideration and several of the members decided to visit Philadelphia on the 17th inst., in company with the President. It is probable that the Postmaster General, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of the Navy will represent the Cabinet on the occasion of this visit.

Postal service has been ordered on the Rhinecliff and Connecticut Railroad from Rhinecliff to Boston Corner, Conn.

John W. Fuller was to-day appointed Gauger for the Fifth District of Missouri.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $213,377 32, and from Customs, $431,453 25. The following are the balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day: Currency, $10,037,486; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $44,680,000; coin, $70,184,541, including coin certificates $21,718,900; outstanding legal tenders, $372,471,772.

Commander Alfred Hopkins is ordered to the command of the Passaic, at Norfolk, Va., on the 22d inst. Lieut. Commander Charles F. Schmitz is ordered as Executive Officer of the ship St. Louis, at League Island. Lieut. Commander R Edwin N. Shepard is ordered to duty at the Ordnance Department at Bellevue, near Washington. Paymaster Arthur Burtis is detached from the Navy-yard at Philadelphia, and ordered to settle his accounts.

The flag-ship Tennessee arrived at Manila, from Singapore, Oct. 18, after a smooth voyage of six days. Admiral Reynolds intended to leave the latter part of the week for Nagasaki.

The Secretary of the Interior to-day sent to the House of Representatives the draft of a bill extending the tenth section of the Indian Appropriation act of 1870 to all Indian Agents, Sub Agents, and Special Agents, so as to require satisfactory bonds of them, and making false entries in their books a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $500 or $1,000, in the discretion of the court. At present the law applies to only a part of the Agents.

The Secretary of the Interior now holds in trust for certain Indians stocks and bonds the par value of which is about $5,000,000. He says it seems to him that the United States Treasurer should be the custodian of this property, and therefore sends to Congress the draft of a bill providing for such custody.

It is said to be the intention of Speaker Kerr to announce the standing committees on Tuesday, the 21st inst., and that on the succeeding day the two houses will take the usual holiday recess.

RELATIONS WITH SPAIN.

THE POINT AT ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The present distinctive point at issue between the United States and Spain is stated in non-official but usually well-informed circles as follows:

The United States ask, first, that in the future all American citizens in Cuba, accused of violation of law, shall be tried by the civil courts and not by military tribunals, with all the rights in such cases as are secured by the seventh article of the treaty of 1795; and, second, that all sentences where American citizens have heretofore been tried by military tribunals shall be annulled. Spain in some degree concedes the claim of the United States to the first proposition, agreeing that in the future American citizens accused of violation of law shall be tried by the ordinary tribunals, with the right to be heard by counsel, to summon witnesses and employ other necessary safeguards to the accused; but with the reservation that all such trials shall be according to the law of 1821, which provides for more expeditious proceedings than those of the civil courts for common crimes in time of peace. She also offers to revise all sentences passed by court martial on American citizens where it shall be satisfactorily shown that such sentences were in violation of established laws.

Mr. Lane's bill to pay the Modoc war claims appropriates $131,000 for the State of Oregon and $4,600 for citizens of California.

The bill introduced in the Senate to-day by Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, directs the Secretary of War to survey and report the most feasible route for a railway from Austin, Texas, via Fort Seaton, on the Rio Grande, to the harbor of Topolovampo, on the Gulf of California, authority for the survey in Mexico to be obtained by him from that Government.

BUSINESS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED—DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR AGENTS, REVENUE, AND POST OFFICE APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Senate in executive session this afternoon confirmed the following nominations: Richard Gibbs, of New-York, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peru, vice Francis Thomas, resigned; Christian Wall Weber, of Iowa, to be Minister Resident to Ecuador, vice Thomas Biddle, deceased; Gratiot Washburne to be Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg; Henry Vignaud, of Louisiana, to be Second Secretary of Legation at Paris; Daniel S. Richardson, of California, to be Secretary of Legation at Mexico.

Consuls—William G. Riley, of Vermont, at Zanzibar; George H. Owen, of Vermont, at Messina; Lewes Richmond, of Rhode Island, at Cork; Joseph Knotts, of Iowa, at Chihuahua; Volney V. Smith, of Arkansas, at St. Thomas; Charles P. Lincoln, of Mississippi, at Canton.

Supervisors of Internal Revenue—Thomas J. Brady, vice S. T. Powell, resigned; George B. Chamberlin, vice P. W. Perry, resigned.

Collectors of Internal Revenue—Luther S. Trowbridge, for the First District of Michigan; Thomas J. Kenney, for the Ninth District of Illinois; Charles B. Pettengill, for the Eighteenth District of Ohio; W. S. Holden, for the Sixth District of Kentucky; Charles M. Lynch, for the Nineteenth District of Pennsylvania; Andrew Clark, for the Second District of Georgia; J. H. Sturgeon, for the First District of Missouri; Robert S. Van Horn, Sixth Missouri; William F. Green, Sixth Tennessee; Elisha H. Rhodes for Rhode Island.

Collectors of Customs—William F. White, St. Marks, Fla.; F. E. Grossman, Fernandina, Fla.; Moses Lowell, Saco, Me.; W. C. Marshall, Belfast, Me.; Elias Root, Oswego, N. Y.; A. S. De Wolf, Bristol, R. I.

Miscellaneous.—L. S. Howitt, Appraiser of Merchandise, Louisville, Ky.; Jacob M. Patterson, Jr., Pension Agent, New-York City; Mark Bantz, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Charles Payson, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, State Department; R. C. Morgan, Chief of the Bureau of Accounts, State Department; Arthur B. Wood, Chief of Consular Bureau, State Department; F. Jeffreson, Chief of the Bureau of Rolls, State Department; John H. Haswell, Chief of the Bureau of Archives, State Department.

Postmasters.—Ralph Thayer at Oakland, Md.; R. N. Whaley, Ellicott City, Md.; W. H. Boggs, Smyrna, Del.; Alonzo Snow, at Port Deposit, Md.; John L. Knight, at Brandon, Vt.; Thomas L. Blodgett, at Cooperstown, N. Y.; William D. Miner, at Warsaw, N. Y.; W. W. Kellipo, at Genese, N. Y.; Charles T. Bennett, at Fulton, N. Y.; Ed. W. Wells, at Clyde, N. Y.; Charles H. Hopkins, at Utica, N. Y.; John B. Murray, at Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Miss Ely Colburn, at Franklin, N. H.; John M. G. Parker, at New-Orleans, La.; Edward J. Merrill, at Farmington, Me.; C. F. Kimball, at Pontiac, Mich.; Samuel R. Exinger, at Clarksville, Tenn.; J. D. Wilson, at Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Miss Jane W. Brent, at Fort Union, New-Mexico; Neal J. Sharp, at Ogden City, Utah; H. W. Hoyt, at Crete, Neb.; J. G. Compton, at Columbus, Neb.; S. G. Bedwell, at Yazoo City, Miss.; Benjamin M. Cox, at Farmhill, Va.; F. R. Og, at Olathe, Kan.; J. M. Cavaness, at Chitopah, Kan.; Mrs. A. V. Campbell, at Olney, Ill.; Miss E. S. Ammerman, at Omarga, Ill.; S. G. Sparks, at Virden, Ill.; Mrs. Sarah Pearson, at Nashville, Ill.; T. W. Eckert, at Lebanon, Ill.; David M. Summons, at Jacksonville, Ill.; Charles H. Tolk, at Clinton, Iowa; C. A. Danforth, at Hamburg, Iowa; S. H. Hornaker, at Dewitt, Iowa; Rudolphus Hubbard, at McGregor, Iowa; Henry R. Cowles, at Washington, Iowa; James Davidson, at Monticello, Iowa; N. P. Sunderland, at Burlington, Iowa.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

MAYOR COBB RE-ELECTED IN BOSTON BY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PLURALITY—ELECTIONS IN OTHER MASSACHUSETTS CITIES, AND IN KEENE, N. H.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The complete returns from all the wards but the Twenty-fourth give Cobb 14,868 votes, and Boardman 12,343. Mayor Cobb is re-elected by about 2,500 plurality. The Citizens' ticket is doubtless successful in the main over the Coalition Democrat and Republican ticket, though the precise result cannot be ascertained till late.

WORCESTER, Dec. 14.—At the city election to-day Clark Jillson, Independent, was re-elected over George F. Verry, Democrat, the vote being Jillson 3,900 and Verry 3,436. The Independents elected four of five Aldermen and seven of twelve Councilmen.

LOWELL, Dec. 14.—Charles A. Stott, Republican, was to-day elected Mayor by 2,278 to 2,027 for James C. Abbott, Democrat. The Board of Aldermen stands seven Republicans to one Democrat. The Council is largely Republican.

KEENE, Dec. 14.—At the municipal election here to-day Edwards, Republican, was elected Mayor by 277 plurality. The Republicans carried all the wards but one.

THE WHISKY RING SUITS.

COMING EXPOSURES AT CHICAGO.

THE RING THERE EQUAL TO THAT AT ST. LOUIS—PROMINENT LOCAL POLITICIANS, REVENUE OFFICERS, AND A CONGRESSMAN IMPLICATED—THE GOVERNMENT ALREADY PREPARING FOR THEIR PROSECUTION.

The following dispatch is received from a special correspondent detailed to investigate the whisky frauds in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—To-day, for the first time, it has become known with positiveness that there was a gigantic Whisky Ring, with its head-quarters in Chicago, similar in all material respects to the Whisky Rings of St. Louis Milwaukee, Evansville, and probably New-Orleans. It has been impossible heretofore to make this statement with any degree of certainty. Owing to official complications calculated to suppress developments, there has been nothing but surface indications since the first seizure. The Grand Jury found indictments against only a few of the distillers and rectifiers and gaugers. It went no deeper, and there was nothing but the present disposition of every community to suspect all persons that justified the association of higher official personages with the revenue frauds. There has also been a persistent effort on the part of interested persons to spread the impression that the revenue frauds in this city were merely the result of individual and independent efforts; that is, that there was no combination outside of each individual distiller with his gauger, and no central and systematic organization for plunder extending to the higher revenue officials, and implying an official guarantee of protection against exposure and punishment. This theory has been generally accepted heretofore, and received confirmation in the character of the indictments returned. It is now reasonably certain that the theory is entirely false, and that the revenue frauds have been worked out by the same means, and through the same machinery, and with the same systematic division of spoils, as in St. Louis. The facts seem to justify the assertion that had it not been for the recent change in the office of United States District Attorney in this city, this phase of the Chicago whisky frauds would never have been publicly developed. The prosecutions against the individual distillers and gaugers would have been on the same basis as the indictments pending against them, and though they might have led to some individual convictions, there would have been no general exposure. Now, however, there will be an immediate movement for the impaneling of a new United States Grand Jury, and it is probable that the evidence to be presented to it will rip open the whole conspiracy and fix the nature and degree of the guilt of every man implicated.

Gen. Bluford Wilson, the Solicitor of the Treasury Department, has been in the city to-day and yesterday, and has been besieged by the reporters, but he has kept his own counsel in the most discreet, though affable, manner. It would be absurd to expect that he would reveal even the clues or the traces of evidence that are likely to be at the command of the Government, and for several reasons. In the first place, such a revelation would, perhaps, enable the persons of influence implicated to head off the evidence, and in the next, the Government cannot rely with absolute certainty upon the information that comes to it until it is produced on oath before the Grand Jury. There is abundant reason to say, however, that ample testimony will be forthcoming to expose the Chicago Ring as thoroughly as the St. Louis Ring has been exposed, and that a panic has already set in which may best be defined as "*sauve qui peut*." I believe that the Government has already the assurance all the State's evidence necessary, in connection with the books and documents at hand, to reach even the most remote ramifications of the Chicago Ring.

The most conspicuous person whom the evidence promised the Government tends to implicate is a well known local politician and speculator named Jacob Rehm, a thoroughly Americanized German, and for two years past, until recently, Chief of Police. Rehm is a man of wealth and vast political influence. He has from time to time, within the last fifteen years, occupied various responsible local offices, and at the same time has been engaged in various profitable business enterprises. He has had close political relations in the past with A. C. Hesing, the leader of the coalition of Germans and Irish, which secured political control of Chicago two years ago on the Sunday beer issue. He has also had intimate business, personal and political relations with Charles B. Farwell, now and for two previous terms one of Chicago's three Congressmen. Rehm is a quiet, cautious, reserved man, who talks but little, and is extremely illiterate, but who has a talent for managing big schemes. He has been a large owner in a malt house which supplied the distillers of this district. It is said that he was presented to the last United States Grand Jury on the charge of destroying his books within the time for which the law requires that they shall be kept, and that he barely escaped indictment. Be this as it may, it is certain that Rehm's name will be presented to the next Grand Jury, and that the evidence upon which the exposure and conviction of the Ring depend point to him as the leader and manager.

The same plan of prosecution which is expected to reach Rehm also includes ex-Supervisor Munn, now under indictment at St. Louis, and all his more notable official associates during the period which the frauds cover. The general charge that is made would place Munn relatively in the same position McDonald occupied in St. Louis, while Rehm, though not a revenue official, would be rather in Joyce's position. By a curious coincidence the Collector at this point, who is alleged to be mainly implicated, and who was in office during the greater portion of the time when the frauds were committed—Irwin—is now deceased, as is the former Collector—Ford—of St. Louis, who was chiefly implicated in the St. Louis Ring as Collector. The scheme for the Government prosecution here will go further than dead men, as it did there, and other officials in and about the Collector's office and the United States Marshal's office are pointed at as likely to be dragged before the Grand Jury, if no further. If Munn shall prove to be guilty, his guilt will include that of many of his subordinates and associates.

The gentleman who recently held the position of District Attorney at this point, and who resigned at the request of the Government, Mr. Jasper D. Ward, who was also one of our members of Congress for two years previous to his appointment as District Attorney, will be brought before the next United States Grand Jury for investigation. The Government has been exceedingly chary in giving its reasons for requesting Mr. Ward's resignation, and the most that Solicitor Wilson could be induced to say was that Mr. Ward was asked to give way on account of his personal friendly relations with some of the indicted distillers. There is ground for saying that there is something more than this in Mr. Ward's retirement. He was asked to resign because Secretary Bristow and the Attorney General became satisfied there would be no general exposure of the Ring so long as Mr. Ward held the office. The recent scheme of evidence will point to Mr. Ward as one of the beneficiaries of the Ring fund, whether donated as contributions for a campaign fund or transferred as borrowed money. The name of Congressman C. B. Farwell, the intimate associate of Jake Rehm, and at whose instance Mr. Ward was appointed, will also be presented to the United States Grand Jury, though with less evidence of direct implication, it is believed, than in the case of the others who have been named. A significant circumstance worthy of mention is that Mr. Farwell caused a statement to be telegraphed from Washington to confront Gen. Wilson at his appearance upon the scene, in which he accused Wilson of having a personal grudge against him, because he (Farwell) endeavored at one time to have Wilson removed. Mr. Farwell's statement also included the assertion that Wilson had told Ward to have Farwell indicted, and, in answer to Ward's inquiry on what evidence, Wilson said it made no difference, but to indict him and the evidence could be got afterward. This statement, which appeared in the Chicago *Tribune* this morning, was submitted before publication to Mr. Ward for the purpose of verifying it, and he promptly denied that Gen. Wilson had ever said anything of the kind to him, and Mr. Farwell must have entirely misunderstood him if he placed any such construction on the conversation between them. Gen. Wilson having been shown the statement simply refused to say anything about it, as being too absurd to be treated with the dignity of a denial. Gen. Wilson's friends and the gentlemen now in control of the revenue matters in this city regard Farwell's statement as indicating that he knew Wilson to be on the track of important evidence, and desired to prejudice the public mind in Chicago against him at the very time of his significant appearance here. This construction, together with the disagreement of Ward's and Farwell's statements, turns the effort in precisely the opposite direction.

It is not possible to foretell, until after the Government shall have made up and reported its cases, how much further they will reach, or who else may be implicated. By a curious local combination of circumstances, however, it is thought that political party divisions will be wiped out, and that a Democratic Roland will be found for every Republican Oliver. The independent political movement for the possession of the local Government shaped itself nearly three years ago and brought into common cause men who had been leading Democrats and those who had been conspicuously identified with the Republican Party. Ever since this local combination was made it has frequently puzzled the most acute political observers to determine which party men were acting with who had formerly been strict partisans. It is entirely probable, therefore, that the final exposure of the Ring will find as many Democrats implicated as Republicans, though there is a popular but erroneous impression that the Republicans have been the especial beneficiaries of the revenue frauds, because the Republican Party has been in power. The explosion, when it comes, will explode this error, as it did in St. Louis.

As in that city, so here, there are circumstances that point to certain newspaper implications, though I don't feel justified in particularizing farther than to say that no person associated either with the *Tribune* or the *Journal* has been mentioned in connection with these troubles, leaving the others to rest upon their own good repute and conscious innocence if they have it. The air is filled with rumors, but I have taken account of none except those which present circumstances likely to come up as a part of the Government prosecutions. There is no intention of pronouncing upon the guilt of any one. The purpose has been to give what is trustworthy news, viz.: That the whisky frauds in Chicago have been perpetrated under the auspices of a ring organized and managed like that of St. Louis; that the evidence at hand will lead to the presentation of the persons named to a United States Grand Jury in addition to those already indicted; that a United States Grand Jury will be summoned at the earliest moment, to this end; that the prosecutions will be as vigorous and impartial as in St. Louis, and that, if successful, they will unearth a combination which in less time defrauded the revenue of a much larger amount.

The Government revenue and legal officials in Chicago now are in full sympathy with the sentiment, "let no guilty man escape." Gen. J. D. Webster, the Collector, gave up the position of United States Assistant Treasurer, to take his present place, at the urgent solicitation of Gen. Grant and Secretary Bristow, and with the disruption and punishment of the ring in view. Judge Mark Bangs, who has just been appointed District Attorney, has not been a resident of Chicago, cannot have any friends to protect, and is said to be an honest and energetic man. Associated with him will be B. F. Ayer and Wirt Dexter, two of the ablest lawyers in Chicago—the former particularly efficient in the preparation of the cases, and the latter aggressive and relentless in a fight. The United States juries are selected by three of the United States Commissioners designated by the United States District Judges. The Commissioners intrusted with this duty have been the same for a long time, but it is probable that there will be a change, in one place at least. The juries will be selected from men recommended by the State Circuit Judges within the United States District of Northern Illinois, and those will be accepted who shall be personally known for their integrity and fitness. The indictments already found are called for trial about the middle of next month, but it is the intention that there shall be another Grand Jury in session before that time in order that the ring may be attacked on all sides from the outset. The law against conspiracy to defraud the United States is so broad and comprehensive that many persons may be brought within its scope who little dreamed of the danger they risked in partaking remotely of the proceeds of "crooked whisky." If the final exposure be as complete as is promised by recent developments, it will be a terrible warning, but one productive of more effective reform than the theorists have ever conceived.

WHAT THE DEMOCRATS WANT TO DO.

MR. RANDALL INTRODUCES A RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE ASKING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CORRESPONDENCE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A new opposing force against the prosecutions of the whisky frauds was developed by the resolution of Mr. Randall calling for all the information upon which the Treasury Department acted in its operations against the Ring. In the midst of prosecutions for gross frauds he demands that the Government disclose, for the benefit of persons not yet tried or arrested, the case which it has against them. The Democratic House would no doubt regard a breaking down of the prosecutions as advantageous to their party prospects. They are eager to assail the President for "interfering," as they say, with the prosecutions. But the House itself, if it agrees to Mr. Randall's resolution, will have interfered in the most disastrous way in behalf of the guilty.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from Attorney General Pierrepont to District Attorney Dyer says: "The commission of Col. James O. Broadhead as special counsel in the whisky prosecutions has been forwarded on a retainer of $1,000." Another dispatch says the President desires that ex-Gov. T. C. Reynolds be engaged to assist Col. Broadhead. Mr. Reynolds has been proffered the appointment and has declined, but for what reason has not transpired.

CHICAGO AND NEW-YORK FREIGHTS.

MEETING OF OFFICERS OF THE THREE LINES EAST FROM CHICAGO TO INCREASE RATES—A CHANGE PROBABLE IN FIFTEEN DAYS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A conference of officials of the Michigan Central, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, and Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroads was held at the general offices of the Pennsylvania Company to-day. There were present President John F. Newell, General Manager of the Lake Shore Road, and Vice President McCullough, of the Pennsylvania Company, together with the General Superintendents and General Freight and Passenger Agents of the three lines. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering some matters affecting the management of the railroad "pool," and to consider the advisability of further increasing the freight rates from this city to the seaboard. After considerable discussion it was decided not to order an increase at present, but from the officials it was learned that a still further advance would undoubtedly be made within the next fifteen days. It is the desire and purpose of the railroad managers of the three eastern roads to continue advancing rates until a basis of fifty cents on fourth-class freight between this city and New-York is reached. But at the present time it is believed to be impossible to move the east-bound traffic at these figures, and therefore no further advance may be expected for the present.

A PROTRACTED STRUGGLE.

THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE STILL TRYING TO CHOOSE A SENATOR—THE FIRST VOTE TAKEN IN JOINT SESSION—ELEVEN CAUCUS CANDIDATES LEFT.

RICHMOND, Dec. 14.—The Conservative caucus to nominate a United States Senator met at 10 A. M. and proceeded to ballot. Seven ballots were taken with no result. Flournoy has been finally dropped. Tucker, Smith, and Stuart were dropped twice each, and Johnston, Goode, and Letcher once each. The last ballot—Goode having been dropped on the previous one—resulted as follows: John W. Daniels, 60; ex-Gov. Smith, 52—the Goode men mostly voting for Smith or not at all.

The caucus adjourned till after the session of the General Assembly, at which a formal ballot was taken for Senator, as required by law. Previous to adjourning the caucus adopted a resolution that in voting for Senator in joint Assembly the Conservatives so scatter their vote as to prevent an election until a nomination is made by the caucus.

At noon a vote was taken in both houses for Senator with no result, the members scattering their votes so that the highest number for one person did not exceed fifteen. Immediately after adjournment the caucus again met and resumed balloting. In the thirty-fourth ballot Daniels received 69 votes and Letcher 59. The latter was finally dropped. In the thirty-fifth ballot Goode was renominated; Daniels, 61; Goode, 63; Daniels dropped; Johnston renominated. Eighty-sixth ballot—Goode, 63; Johnston, 65; Goode dropped; Judge Christian renominated. After this ballot recess was taken until 4 o'clock.

On the reassembling of the caucus Christian was withdrawn and Cochrane renominated.

On the thirty-seventh ballot Johnson received 62 and Cochrane 66 votes. Johnston was then dropped for the second time.

On the thirty-eighth ballot, no other nominations being made, Cochrane received 65 votes.

On the thirty-ninth ballot, Judge W. R. Staples being renominated, Cochrane received 59 votes and Staples 40, and Staples was finally dropped.

A spirited but unsuccessful effort was here made to reconsider the rule under which the caucus has been acting since yesterday. After some discussion looking to the adoption of a new rule placing all candidates not finally dropped in nomination, and dropping the lowest on each succeeding ballot until a choice is made, the caucus adjourned until 10 A. M. to-morrow, the new rule being withdrawn.

Eleven eligible candidates yet remain, to wit: Goode, Daniels, Johnston, Tucker, Smith, Stuart, Robertson, Cochrane, Christian, Coghill, and Sheffey. The seven first named are only entitled to one recommendation. The friends of Goode, Daniels, and Johnston, who are conceded to be the strongest candidates, are backward in putting their men up for fear of combinations, which, defeating either one, will throw him out entirely; hence the adoption of the new rule, similar to the one above mentioned, is probable.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

THE WHEELER & WILSON SEWING-MACHINE COMPANY LOSE HALF A MILLION BY A FIRE AT BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—TWO PERSONS KILLED BY FALLING WALLS.

BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 14.—About 6 o'clock this evening the night watchman in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing-machine Cabinet Company, whose works are located in East Bridgeport, in making his first rounds discovered a fire in what is known as the sewing room. He immediately gave an alarm, but the fire was under full headway, and when the Fire Department arrived the interior of the factory was one mass of flames. The building in which the fire originated occupied the centre of a quadrangle, bounded by East Washington avenue on the south, Pembroke street on the west, Barnum street on the north, and Brooks street on the east. The main building, fronting on East Washington avenue and the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, was 650 feet long, and three stories high. A building of the same length and two stories high faced on Barnum street, on Pembroke and Brooks streets. The buildings each were 250 feet long. The buildings occupied a whole block and covered about two acres. All were of brick, and being devoted to the manufacture and storage of sewing-machine tables and cabinets, contained much combustible material. A strong north-west wind was blowing when the fire broke out, and the flames spread with great rapidity to both of the main buildings. In spite of the earnest efforts of the three steamers comprising the Bridgeport Fire Department, aided by the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, fire spread in half an hour to the oil and varnish department in the main building, and at this time the heat was intense. Masses of flame shot up, illuminating the sky for miles around, and making a light that was distinctly seen in New-Haven, eighteen miles away. Some freight cars which stood on the track of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, loaded with sewing-machines, caught fire, but were hauled out of their exposed position by the engine of the passenger train, which arrives here from New-York at 6:52. Both the up and down trains were stopped by the conflagration. At 8 o'clock the whole vast establishment was one sheet of fire. The water poured on the burning building made no perceptible impression. Vast clouds of smoke and steam arose. Burning brands and sparks were hurled hither and thither by the wind, and the buildings occupied by the Secor Sewing-machine Company were in imminent danger. The firemen worked with a will, and kept the flames from crossing the street, and so confined the fire to the block in which it originated. At 8:30 o'clock the fire began to diminish.

About 9 o'clock some firemen at work on Barnum street noticed that the walls on Pembroke street were falling, and shouted to the crowd standing near to them of their danger, but the warning came too late. The falling walls struck and knocked down at least a dozen spectators, half of whom were taken from the ruins dead or seriously hurt. John Kimberly, a lad twelve years of age, had his brains dashed out by the falling brick, and was taken up dead. Cornelius Mack, another lad, about eleven years of age, had his skull fractured, and cannot live. Richard Selden, book-keeper for the Wheeler & Wilson Company, was badly hurt, receiving severe internal injuries. Patrick Mooney was badly cut about the

THE BROKEN BANKS.

THE GERMAN UP-TOWN INSTITUTION

STATEMENT OF MR. UHL, THE RECEIVER—A REQUEST TO THE DEPOSITORS—HIS COMPLAINT AGAINST MR. LEVINGER, THE ATTORNEY OF THE BANK—SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

Mr. Hermann Uhl, the Receiver of the German Up-town Savings Bank, has published a request that the depositors in this bank shall present their pass-books as soon as possible at the counter of the bank for the purpose of ascertaining the balances due them. He says that he has been erroneously reported as saying that he was confident about the dividend to be declared. There were a good many things which made this doubtful. He had made a complaint before Judge Donohue in the Supreme Court against Mr. Adolph Levinger, the attorney and counsel to the bank, Mr. Levinger had collected at different times $38,000 on the bonds and mortgages held by the bank, but had not turned over any of the money to the bank. Mr. Uhl had satisfied himself of the truth of this, and had demanded the money from Mr. Levinger. Mr. Levinger had not denied the truth of the charge, but had said that he was unable to pay. This Mr. Uhl thought was probable, as it was understood that all the real estate owned by Levinger was fully covered by mortgages. Mr. Levinger had been not only the attorney and counsel of the bank, but at the same time he had been one of its Trustees. This, Mr. Uhl thought, was in defiance of the law, which says that no Trustee shall directly or indirectly receive any emolument for his services. If not legally prohibited, the holding of both positions at once was a grave impropriety. Mr. Levinger's defalcations had been going on for months, and the only way in which Mr. Uhl could account for the fact that the Trustees had not called him to account before, was that the Board of Trustees had been conducting things on a basis of remarkable good nature. Mr. Levinger had been connected with the bank almost from its start, and this was not the only instance of irregularity which would probably be developed. Mr. Uhl said that the suit with Mr. Levinger, and other matters which he expected would arise, would complicate affairs so as to make it hard to say when a statement would be made, or when the dividend finally paid would be.

The complaint filed by Mr. Uhl yesterday in Supreme Court, Part I., before Judge Donohue, was as follows:

Hermann Uhl, as Receiver of the German Up-town Savings Bank, in the City of New-York, against Adolph Levinger.—The plaintiff, by Man & Parsons, his attorneys, complains of the defendant:

First—That by act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, passed April 7, 1866, there was incorporated the Up-town Savings Bank in the City of New-York.

Second—That by act of the said Legislature, passed May 4, 1868, the name of the said bank was changed to that of the German Up-town Savings Bank, in the City of New-York.

Third—That from the time of the incorporation the said bank carried on in the city of New-York the business of a savings bank.

Fourth—That the defendant is an attorney and counselor at law, that he was the attorney of the said bank, and that therefore, to wit, prior to Dec. 1, 1875, he, as such attorney, received from the said bank, for the purpose of collection, bonds and mortgages made by the following parties for the following amounts: Bernard Brandt, $3,500; Joseph Loew, $2,500; Eugene Mehl, $6,000; Jacob Zapp, $6,000; Jacob Zapp, $6,000; Phillip Levy, $8,000; Isaac Edelmuth, $6,000.

Fifth—That prior to Dec. 1, 1875, the defendant collected the amounts of the said bonds and mortgages, and of the interest due thereon, either by receiving payment thereof or by receiving the amount thereof from parties to whom the same were transferred.

Sixth—That in that way the defendant received the sum of $38,000 of principal and $735 of interest, in addition to the interest to the amount of $735, the moneys of the said bank, and which were received by the defendant in his capacity as attorney of the said bank, and for the purpose of collecting and paying over the same to the said bank.

Seventh—That, instead of so paying over the said moneys to the said bank, the defendant appropriated the same to his own use, and that though requested by the said bank to pay the same to it he wholly failed and refused so to do.

Eighth—That by order of this court made on or about Dec. 7, in the year 1875, in a suit wherein John Martin Mant was plaintiff, and the said bank was defendant, the plaintiff was appointed Receiver of the property and effects of the said bank, to take charge of the same, and to collect, sue for, and recover all debts and demands due it.

Wherefore this plaintiff asks judgment against the defendant for the sum of $38,735, with interest thereon from Dec. 5, 1875, and costs.

Mr. Uhl also filed an affidavit embodying substantially the same facts as the above. To this was added the affidavit of Henry Clausen, Jr., formerly President of the bank, and as follows:

Henry Clausen, Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says: I was the President of the said German Up-town Savings Bank in the City of New-York, until the appointment of the plaintiff in this action as its Receiver. I know the defendant, he was the attorney of the bank, and as such the bank placed in his hands the bonds and mortgages mentioned in the affidavit of Hermann Uhl to collect and pay over the same to the bank. He has told me that he did collect the principal sum of the said bonds and mortgages and the accrued interest, but he wholly failed and refused to pay over the same to the bank, alleging as a reason, his inability so to do. He told me this on or about Dec. 5, 1875. The entire amount collected by him was received by him prior to Dec. 1, 1875. HENRY CLAUSEN, JR.

In accordance with the above, Judge Donahue granted an order of arrest, which was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Quincy, of the Order of Arrest Department. Bail was fixed at $45,000. Deputy Sheriff Quincy made the arrest himself, at the office of the accused in the bank building. Levinger was brought to the Sheriff's office, and during the afternoon furnished securities in double the amount. The names of his bondsmen were withheld by special request.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT.

MEETING OF THE DEPOSITORS—THEY WANT AN ACCOUNTANT TO EXAMINE THE BOOKS.

A meeting of depositors of the Mutual Benefit Savings Bank was held yesterday at No. 21 Park row, to receive the report of the committee appointed at the meeting held last Friday. D. W. Phillips presided. The committee, which consisted of Messrs. George A. Norman, J. W. Thompson, J. Van Doren, and F. Hollender, reported that they had waited on Mr. Aldrich, the Receiver appointed by the court, and had courteously presented to him the wish of the depositors to have an expert accountant make an examination of the actual condition of the bank. This permission Mr. Aldrich declined to grant for the present. Neither could he give any positive assurance as to the time when a dividend would be paid, or a list of the assets in his possession given to the depositors. The committee were satisfied from the interview with the Receiver that all was not in a strictly healthy condition, and that the appointment of an expert by the depositors was the only way in which they could obtain any information as to the true condition of their property. The report was received and adopted, and various opinions were expressed as to what action should be taken by the depositors. Some thought that Mr. Aldrich should be allowed sufficient time to prepare his report, while others thought that their action should be prompt and vigorous. It was proposed and adopted that an expert accountant and counsel be appointed on the part of the depositors to examine the assets of the Mutual Benefit Savings Bank, and to protect the interests of the depositors in that institution. The names of D. W. Phillips and Mr. Edwin Ives were added to the committee already appointed, which was requested to confer with an expert and counsel to ascertain the rights of the depositors, and the expense of proceedings in case it should be decided to take any. The committee was instructed to report to the next meeting, to be held on Friday at 2 o'clock.

Mr. William F. Aldrich is busily engaged in examining the condition of the bank's affairs, and says that so far as he has proceeded he finds that they are in the same condition in which they were found by the Examiner, Mr. George W. Reed, when he examined them a short time ago. Mr. Reed had found, Mr. Aldrich said, that the deficiency in the bank's funds was about $22,500, allowing the real estate at its full price. He said that he could not tell how long it would take him to become thoroughly acquainted with the affairs of the bank, but undoubtedly, when the court should make its decree in the matter, which would probably be within ten days, he would be able to make an application for leave to sell the available securities of the bank, such as New-York bonds, and declare a dividend to the depositors. He was merely an officer of the court *pendente lite*, and his duty was to keep the property and see that it was preserved unimpaired. The property, excepting the real estate, was in the Park Bank, in its safe deposit department. The officers of the Mutual Benefit Savings Bank were, of course, all under injunction, and could take no action at all. It would undoubtedly take a considerable time to settle up the bank's affairs in full on account of the real estate held by it. Mr. Aldrich said he had no objection to telling anybody who was interested in the bank all that he could tell of its affairs, but he objected strenuously to the proposition which had been made by some of the depositors that he should allow an expert to come in and examine the bank's condition. Such a course would only serve to hinder him and would be of no use. Everything was safe and would be disposed of to the best advantage.

THE THIRD AVENUE BANK.

MR. HURD, THE RECEIVER, ON THE PRESENT CONDITION OF ITS AFFAIRS.

Mr. Hurd, the Receiver of the Third Avenue Savings Bank, appointed in place of Mr. Carman, said yesterday that he had received valuable assistance from Mr. Carman, who had found for him one of the books of the bank which was missing, and that Mr. Carman seemed disposed to render him all the assistance in his power in learning about the bank's affairs. Mr. Hurd spoke severely of the injudicious expenditure of money in the erection of the building occupied by the bank, and said that he thought no savings bank should be allowed to own its building. This bank, he said, paid out last year over $40,000 more interest than they earned, of course counting out the accruing interest on the Southern State bonds they held. The time it would take to settle up the bank's affairs of course could not be told now. It would depend on the course adopted in relation to the real estate, whether it was considered best to hold this in the hope of obtaining better prices, or to sell at once for what it would bring.

SUNSET ON THE BEARCAMP.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

A gold fringe on the purpling hem
Of hills the river runs,
As down its long, green valleys falls
The last of Summer's suns.
Along its tawny gravel-bed
Broad-flowing, swift, and still,
As if its meadow levels felt
The hurry of the hill,
Noiseless between its banks of green
From curve to curve it slips;
The drowsy maple-shadows rest
Like fingers on its lips.

A waif from Carroll's wildest hills,
Unstoried and unknown;
The ursine legend of its name
Prowls on its banks alone.
Yet flowers as fair its slopes adorn
As ever Yarrow knew,
Or, under rainy Irish skies,
By Spenser's Mulla grew;
And through the gaps of leaning trees
Its mountain cradle shows;
The gold against the amethyst,
The green against the rose.

Touched by a light that hath no name,
A glory never sung,
Aloft on sky and mountain wall
Are God's great pictures hung.
How changed the summits vast and old!
No longer granite-browed,
They melt in rosy mist; the rock
Is softer than the cloud;
The valley holds its breath; no leaf
Of all its elms is twirled:
The silence of eternity
Seems falling on the world.

The pause before the breaking seals
Of mystery is this;
Yon miracle-play of night and day
Makes dumb its witnesses.
What unseen alchemic crowns the hills
That reach up stair on stair?
What eyes look through, what white wings fan
These purple veils of air?
What Presence from the heavenly heights
To those of earth stoops down?
Not vainly Hellas dreamed of gods
On Ida's snowy crown!

Slow fades the vision of the sky,
The golden water pales,
And over all the valley-land
A gray-winged vapor sails.
I go the common way of all;
The sunset fires will burn,
The flowers will blow, the river flow,
When I no more return.
No whisper from the mountain pine
Nor lapsing stream shall tell
The stranger, treading where I tread,
Of him who loved them well.

But beauty seen is never lost,
God's colors all are fast;
The glory of this sunset heaven
Into my soul has passed.
A sense of gladness unconfined
To mortal date or clime:
As the soul lives, it shall live
Beyond the years of time.
Beside the mystic asphodels
Shall bloom the home-born flowers,
And new horizons flush and glow
With sunset hues of ours.

Farewell! these smiling hills must wear
Too soon their wintry frown,
And snow-cold winds from off them shake
The maple's red leaves down.
But I shall see a Summer sun
Still setting broad and low;
The morning slopes shall blush and bloom,
The golden water flow.
A lover's claim is mine on all
I see to have and hold,—
The rose-light of perpetual hills,
And sunsets never cold!

THE NEWBURG SHOOTING AFFRAY.

ROBERT GIBSON'S ATTACK ON ALFRED POST—PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE AFFAIR—COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRIAL.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

GOSHEN, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1875.

The trial of Robert Gibson, Assistant Superintendent of the Newburg Water-works, indicted for attempting to murder Alfred Post, President of the Highland National Bank of Newburg, came on to-day at the December Session of the Orange County Court and Court of Sessions, Judge S. W. Fullerton presiding. This is the case that created so much excitement in Newburg at the time the shooting occurred. The parties concerned are well known, especially Mr. Post. He has been President of the bank mentioned for many years, has always borne an excellent reputation for integrity and straightforwardness in all business transactions, and when it was alleged that the murderous deed was the outgrowth of improper relations with Gibson's wife, people who had known Mr. Post stood back in wonderment. The shooting took place on the 11th of last August, in broad daylight, in Second street, Newburg, while Mr. Post was on his way back to the bank after dinner. Mr. Post saw Gibson approaching him, having crossed the street diagonally, and then passed him on the left side. Mr. Post paid no attention to Gibson's nearing him, but a moment after a pistol shot was fired, and something grazed the left side of Mr. Post's neck; turning, he saw Gibson with his pistol raised for a second shot, and running toward him. When Gibson fired the first shot he was about fifteen feet distant from Mr. Post. When the latter saw Gibson aiming his pistol at him a second time he started on a run down the hill, making his course a zig-zag one, in order to destroy his assailant's aim. He brought up in the Post Office, corner of Third and Smith streets, whither he went for safety. Several men at work on a house opposite, and a number of pedestrians witnessed the attempt at murder. After the shooting Gibson made no effort to get away. The Police authorities were soon informed of the affair, and in a short time they found Post's assailant in Montgomery street, not far from where the shooting took place. He went along peaceably with the officers, and handed over his revolver, a Smith & Wesson seven-shooter, which had five chambers loaded. Gibson said one had been empty for some time, and the other one had been fired at Mr. Post. When first taken to the Police station he admitted that he meant to kill Mr. Post, but on his examination stated that he was guilty of firing the shot with the intention of only wounding Mr. Post. He acknowledged the shooting and claimed that he had good reasons for it, in a perfectly cool and collected manner. He then claimed that Mr. Post had been instrumental in bringing about the estrangement of his wife, who had left him several times. The wife is Gibson's second one, and before her marriage to Gibson was employed in Mr. Post's family as a seamstress. It appears that for some reason or other they did not live together happily, but Mr. Post's family speak of her in the best of terms. Gibson is said to be of a very jealous disposition, and the troubles in his family have, it is thought, made a monomaniac of him. He has long accused Mr. Post of inducing his wife to leave him and has written that gentleman several threatening letters—the last of them only a few days before the attempt at murder. Mr. Post now states that he has never given Gibson the slightest occasion for an assault, and so far as he remembers, has not spoken to Gibson's wife for the past two years. He feels certain that Gibson, at the time, was a monomaniac. About a year and a half ago Gibson wrote an insulting letter to Mrs. Post. For this offense one of Mr. Post's sons gave him a thrashing.

When the trial was called to-day the court-room was full of the friends of both Gibson and Post, all of whom were very much interested in the case. The friends of Mr. Post seemed to be particularly interested, probably from the fact that the prisoner's counsel had made it understood that the line of their defense would be the insanity of the prisoner at the time the deed was committed. This, they claimed, was the cause of Mr. Post's previous actions toward the prisoner, and in substantiating this they expected to reveal a record very much against Mr. Post, involving his relations with Gibson's family and many of his previous business transactions. But this plea for the defense is now abandoned. It is said that Gibson remarked that "he was not insane, and rather than lie about it, he would go to Sing Sing for twenty years." The prosecution will be carried on by District Attorney C. Frank Brown, assisted by special Counsel Judge elect M. H. Hirschberg, while the defense will be conducted by Hon. Charles H. Winfield, of New-York, and G. R. Clark, of Newburg. When the case was called at 5 o'clock this afternoon it was adjourned until to-morrow morning, on account of the illness of Mr. Winfield.

A COLLECTION OF WATER COLORS.

A large and interesting collection of water colors is now on view at the Art Rooms, No. 60 Liberty street, comprising specimens bearing the names of B. C. Koek Koek, H. Ten Kate, N. Diaz, Bellangé, Backalowicz, Saunier, Comte Calix, Baron, Brissot, Paul Marny, T. C. Farrer, Skinner Prout, J. Price, G. Hall, T. L. Rowbotham, Copley Fielding, T. B. Hardy, John Faulkner, R. H. A., J. Drummond, E. D. Lewis, E. Lait, Agrosot, Iminez, Rossi, Simonetti, F. Moran, A. Cox, T. C. Dibden, J. Salmon, Elizabeth Murray, J. Absolom, also some of the finest works of the late William Craig. The pictures are offered for sale on their own merits, and doubtless some great bargains can be picked up by those who know how to invest their money judiciously. The sale will take place on Thursday and Friday next, commencing at noon.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

TWEED POSSIBILITIES.

THE ALLEGED NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE RING SUITS—MR. PECKHAM AND MR. BARLOW KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM—MR. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD SAYS THE SAME.

A statement appeared yesterday morning in a morning journal to the effect that several months ago a proposition had been made to Mr. Charles O'Conor to make a general settlement of all the Ring suits. That Tweed himself had made a proposition to restore certain millions in settlement for the claim of $6,000,000, for which suit had been brought against all and individual members of the Ring. That Mr. O'Conor was supposed to be favorable to the settlement, thinking that partial recovery and the banishment of the Ring was preferable to any settlement likely to be reached by any process of litigation. Mr. Peckham and Mr. Barlow, it was also stated, were opposed to any settlement of suits which promised to run on interminably, while Tweed's lawyers had not the slightest objection to the same sort of interminable litigation. Mr. O'Conor's counsel and influence had prevailed, however, against his associates, and Tweed, tired of paying lawyer's fees, had taken the matter of settlement into his own hands. The result was that a general settlement of all the claims against the Ring was about to be concluded, when Charles O'Conor was taken seriously ill, and was reported to be on his death-bed. That Tweed felt—possibly knew—that in the event of the death of Mr. O'Conor no settlement could be reached as long as he remained in the power and custody of his antagonists, and he at once made his arrangements to escape and thus force a settlement.

Mr. Wheeler H. Peckham said to a TIMES reporter yesterday: "If any such proposition as is mentioned in the *Tribune* of this morning was ever made to Mr. O'Conor, I never heard of it. I have never opposed any settlement of which Mr. O'Conor was in favor, nor, so far as I know, has Gen. Barlow."

Gen. Francis C. Barlow, also stated that to his knowledge no negotiations had been in progress for a settlement of the suits against Tweed, either civil or criminal. If such had been the case there would have been a general consultation among the counsel on the subject, and so far as he knew nothing of the kind had occurred. Some time ago overtures had been made for a general settlement of all the Ring suits, but as the parties sued had demanded a compounding of the criminal with the civil suits the prosecuting counsel had turned a deaf ear to the proposals. Gen. Barlow further stated that if any similar attempt should be made in regard to Tweed individually he would certainly discountenance absolution from the criminal charges. In respect to the article concerning the matter which was published in the *Tribune* there was not a word of truth in it, so far as it related to himself.

David Dudley Field, of counsel for the defense, was also asked by a TIMES reporter if he knew anything in regard to the proposition for a settlement mentioned in the article. To this Mr. Field said: "I know nothing of it. I never heard of it except from the newspapers. I suppose it is a part of the idle gossip which finds its way into print, and which is not worth the paper on which it is printed. But if there had been any proposition on either side, it is not in the least likely that I should have known it. It is not likely that either Mr. Tweed or any of his friends would have mentioned it to me. My province was not to negotiate compromises, but to defend my client's legal rights, so far as I had knowledge of them and ability to defend them. Whether he ever took anything wrongfully from the City or County, I know no more than any other person knows who has observed the proceedings in court and has read the newspapers. When proof is offered it will be my duty to sift it and to see that it satisfies the law." The reporter then inquired whether he considered his duty to his client began and ended with defending his legal rights. Mr. Field replied, "Certainly; whether the case is popular or unpopular is of no moment to me. I should be a great fool if I were puffed up with the advocacy of a popular case, and a great coward if I shrank from defending an unpopular one." The reporter then asked Mr. Field whether he thought there was any foundation in fact for the story as published. To this he replied, "I cannot say that I think there is."

Mr. Dudley Field, associate counsel with his father for the defense, who was found in an adjoining office, said that he had never heard of any proposition having been made by Mr. Tweed from any one, excepting what he had read in the newspapers, and that he had never heard anything of such a proposition from Mr. Tweed himself. He had been told, however, by persons in whom he had confidence, and in whom he could rely, that Mr. Tweed had not made any proposition to compromise. He had also been told, yesterday, by some of Mr. Tweed's friends, that in their opinion, had he been admitted to what they considered reasonable bail, say $500,000, he would never have gone away.

A RUMOR THAT TWEED IS IN BROOKLYN.

A rumor was in circulation in Brooklyn yesterday to the effect that William M. Tweed was concealed in the house of a very prominent citizen in the Third Ward of that city. It is certain that a house in that section has been closely watched by detectives, and it was rumored yesterday that so many suspicious circumstances had been observed in connection with the movements of the inmates that a search of the house would be made. When the Police authorities were questioned concerning these rumors they refused to either deny or confirm them.

NO TRIAL BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.

The counsel for the people in the Tweed civil suits have notified Messrs. Field & Deyo to produce on the trial the checks of Tweed on the Broadway Bank and the National Trust Company. From the statements of the counsel on both sides it appears that the case will not be taken up for trial until after the holidays, and will probably be set down for the first Monday in January.

TAMMANY HALL.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION—PLANS FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The Tammany Hall Committee on Organization met yesterday afternoon at their head-quarters in Fourteenth street, and held a session occupying nearly four hours. John Kelly presided, and all the leading members of the committee were in attendance. The business announced for transaction was the making of arrangements for the primaries for the election of a new General Committee; the discussion, and to some extent the preparation, of an address upon the course of the organization in the late election and its future policy; and lastly, but most important of all, the consideration of proposed changes in the composition and representation on the General Committee. This last-named question has been for two weeks in the hands of a subcommittee which was authorized to consider and report to the full Committee on Organization a plan or plans for such reorganization. The subcommittee submitted this report yesterday, but the officers of the concern declined to give the report for publication and the members of the committee refused to say anything concerning the discussion had on it. It was openly stated, however, by members of the General Committee that the plans had been considered by the subcommittee, and that everything had been finally "fixed" as to which plan should be submitted and recommended. When asked by a TIMES reporter who had "fixed" it, the members replied, "why it was arranged down in Nassau street," meaning at John Kelly's office. The two plans suggested to the subcommittee each contemplated the augmentation of the General Committee to about double its present numerical force, which is 357, or one delegate from each election district. The first plan was to give a representation of two delegates for each district making 1,114 in all; and the second, the one which it is understood was "fixed down in Nassau street," and which the committee decided yesterday to report favorably to the General Committee, provides for a new General Committee of, it is said, nearly thirteen hundred members. This plan fixes a representation in the General Committee of one delegate for every 100 votes cast in each election district, and the basis of apportionment is to be made on the vote cast for Gov. Tilden in this City last year. More than fifty and less than 100 votes shall, however, be entitled to representation by one delegate. Thus, a district having 251 votes will be entitled to three delegates, and a district polling 346 votes would not be entitled to any larger representation. It is stated by members who have made a computation based on the Tilden vote of 1874, that the General Committee to be raised on this plan will consist of about 1,258 members. All the outside small-fry ward politicians, who have for years been waiting for a chance to get on the General Committee, profess to be mightily pleased with the new programme, as it gives them a chance of coming in where there are twice as many members wanted. The older and shrewder members do not relish it, however, and claim that it will be next to impossible to secure harmonious action in so large a body of men. This same idea was more pungently expressed by a well-known politician yesterday afternoon who, when asked what he thought of the new proposition replied: "It will be all very well if they have three or four committees on discipline to keep them in shape." The whole movement is regarded by disinterested people as a bid by John Kelly for larger support next year, when with a larger staff in each district he will expect a larger amount of work done. The General Committee will meet on Monday to fix the time of holding primaries and to consider, and most likely to adopt, the plan of organization reported and recommended yesterday.

EMIGRANT COMMUTATION MONEY.

In June last a bill in equity was filed in the United States Circuit Court by the Henderson Brothers, Agents of the Anchor Line of Steamships, against William H. Wickham, Mayor of the City of New-York, et al., the Commissioners of Emigration, James Lynch, President of the Irish Emigrant Society; Sigismund Kaufman, President of the German Emigrant Society, and others, praying that the passenger laws of the State of New-York be declared in violation of the Constitution of the United States so far as they relate to passengers arriving at this port on their way to other States without the intention of becoming citizens of the United States, and that an order might issue forbidding the demand for commutation money on such passengers. Demurrers were filed by the counsel for the defendants, all to the effect that no bill had been filed that could entitle the plaintiffs to the relief asked. Judge Johnson yesterday rendered a decision allowing the demurrer, and dismissing the bill, with costs. James Emott appeared for the plaintiffs; William C. Whitney, Corporation Counsel; Messrs. Evarts, Southmayd & Choate, and Develin & Miller for the defendants.

THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

The Republican primary elections for officers and delegates to the Central Committee for the ensuing year were held in each Assembly District and in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City last evening. The following are the tickets elected:

First District—President, John Robinson; First Vice President, Patrick H. Goodwin; Second Vice President, George Dunstrop; Treasurer, Daniel J. Kenney; Secretary, William H. Baker; Sergeant at Arms, John Grimes; Inspectors of Election, Joseph C. Scully, Timothy Kane; Delegates to the Central Committee, Michael W. Burns, Michael Murphy, Michael Colman, George Hanley, Samuel N. Fitch, John C. Keenan.

Second District—President, Denis Shea; First Vice President, Patrick Elliff; Second Vice President, Philip Betz; Secretary, Thomas Brown; Treasurer, Martin Kavanagh; Doorkeeper, Michael T. Sullivan; inspectors of Election, John Sullivan, Michael Flood; Delegates to Central Committee, Morris Friedsam, Pierre C. Van Wyck, Mathew Stewart.

Third District—President, Thomas F. Geary; First Vice President, Thomas Stillman; Second Vice President, Frank M. Magee; Treasurer, James H. McManus; Secretary, James Dalton; Inspectors of Election, Thomas H. Riley, David Geary; Doorkeeper, Patrick Callahan; Delegates to Central Committee, David G. McKelvey, Daniel Bellows, Herman Holtje.

Fourth District—President, George W. Weed; First Vice President, Thomas H. C. Kinkaid; Second Vice President, Cyrus Allen; Secretary, Charles M. Newins; Treasurer, George Law; Doorkeeper, John A. Mitchell; Inspectors of Election, George Nethercott, John Cummings; Delegates to Central Committee, John E. Dowley, M. M. Terry, Nathan H. Hall, Daniel Quinn.

Fifth District—President, Austin Leake; First Vice President, William Edwards; Second Vice President, James H. Lewis; Recording Secretary, Edward Hallock; Corresponding Secretary, Nathaniel George; Treasurer, John Forshaw; Inspectors of Election, Edward Connell, William J. Kent; Doorkeeper, Patrick Gilligan; Delegates to General Committee, J. Winterbottom, Joseph K. Butler, William Vanderhoof, Freeman Earle, Abraham Lent, William G. Irving, John De Vries, George Mitchell, Jacob Reigler.

Sixth District—President, Robert Moore; First Vice President, James H. Anderson; Second Vice President, William C. Cole; Secretary, James O. Ellery; Treasurer, John Knight; Doorkeeper, Hugh Layman; Inspectors of Election, Michael Smith, John Simpson; Members of General Committee, Frederick Singer, Henry A. Smith, Abraham Tichner, Charles L. Rhoads, Charles H. Greer.

Seventh District—President, Cornelius Van Cott; First Vice President, John H. Dorn; Second Vice President, George W. Clarke; Treasurer, Erastus C. Benedict; Secretary, William Tenhuse; Doorkeeper, Henry Knubel; Inspectors of Election, I. H. Allen, G. Van Cott; Delegates to Central Committee, John D. Lawson, Edward Buss, Andrew Kinnis, Thomas L. Thornell, C. Volney King, Francis F. Rosch, James H. Stevens, Frederick A. Shields, George Morgan.

Eighth District—President, John N. Lanthier; First Vice President, Charles W. Verry; Second Vice President, John Swanton; Secretary, Joseph McCabe; Treasurer, Edwin C. Lewis; Inspectors of Election, John J. O'Brien, Robert C. McCord; Delegates to Central Committee, John J. O'Brien, Samuel A. Roberts, William J. Fritz, John McDonald, Edward Mulry, John Lee, Charles Schaper, Mathew Davis, Peter Gunnelson.

Ninth District—President, Gilbert J. Hunter; First Vice President, Nathaniel Appleton; Second Vice President, Jacob D. Ackerman; Secretary, George W. Luckey; Treasurer, H. Howard Cargill; Doorkeeper, John Campbell; Inspectors of Election, Nelson D. Thayer, Charles A. Benedict; Delegates to Central Committee, George B. Deane, James Lynch, Richard A. Collard, John M. Costa, Gilbert Jackson, Livingston H. Cargill, James Cumming, Edward Taylor, George W. Parker, Herman M. Meyer, William E. Noble, Jacob R. Riley.

Tenth District—President, Jacob M. Patterson, Jr.; First Vice President, Charles S. Strong; Second Vice President, Rudolph Rubens; Secretary, William Glasser; Treasurer, Thomas H. Oakley; Inspectors of Election, Lewis J. Kirk, Henry H. Haight; Door-keeper, John G. Deubert; Delegates to the Central Committee, Jacob M. Patterson, Jr., William H. Lockwood, Daniel Sullivan, Ferdinand Ehrhart, John V. Mayer, Joseph Rheinboldt, John Lalor.

Eleventh District—President, Knox McAfee; First Vice President, Charles A. Peabody; Second Vice President, Alanson S. Jones; Secretary, Andrew J. Sparks; Treasurer, William Laimbeer; Inspectors of Election, George W. Hamilton, John E. Rogers; Doorkeeper, John McNulty; Delegates to the Central Committee, George Bliss, John H. White, Charles C. Pinckney, George W. Wilson, John P. Windolph, James McAfee, Cornelius D. Van Wagenen, Charles A. Peabody, Jr., Marshall B. Blake, Samuel G. Acton, John Murray, James A. Christie.

Twelfth District—President, Thomas T. Sutliffe; First Vice President, Frederick W. Yung; Second Vice President, John C. Graham; Secretary, Charles McColley; Treasurer, John Hart; Inspectors, George W. Coffin, Joseph Archbold; Sergeant at Arms, George W. Logan; Delegates to the Central Committee, Joseph Archbold, Archibald Watts, Edward Wertheimer, Victor Helmburger, Asa D. Bennett, Frederick Bardes.

Thirteenth District—President, Charles Blackie; First Vice President, George Garby; Second Vice President, Samuel J. Clark; Secretary, C. G. Archibald; Treasurer, Robert C. Armstrong; Doorkeeper, Everitt B. Delanoy; Delegates to Central Committee, Charles S. Spencer, Isaac Dayton, Hugh Gardner, Charles H. Duell, Clarence W. Meade, William Wade, Frederick G. Gedney, Robert H. Strahan, Samuel Barclay, William Schiegel.

Fourteenth District—President, John H. Brady; First Vice President, Matthew Hicks; Second Vice President, William Hauptman; Secretary, George P. Osborne; Treasurer, John R. Nugent; Inspectors of Election, T. W. Robertson, T. J. Casey; Doorkeeper, William Rickard; Delegates to Central Committee, Joseph C. Pinckney, Robert B. Boyd, Carl Schwedler, John H. Brady.

Fifteenth District—President, Henry G. Lesak; First Vice President, Howard A. Whitfield; Second Vice President, John M. Fisher; Treasurer, Michael Hayes; Secretary, Benjamin F. Anderson; Sergeant at Arms, Peter Costello; Inspectors of Election, R. Dwyer, J. Durshe; Delegates to the General Committee, Charles Saterly, Robert Neil, William Peterkin, John J. Steitz, William Montgomery, John J. Pollock, Thomas Stewart, Michael Costello, Henry Giedhill.

Sixteenth District—President, Frank E. Howe; First Vice President, Theodore P. Kelly; Second Vice President, John H. Nixon; Treasurer, John W. Hamilton; Secretary, Alfred S. Bugbee; Inspectors of Election, Thomas Bettridge, James H. Little; Sergeant at Arms, Mark F. Healy; Delegates to the Central Committee, Charles E. L. Holmes, Frank E. Howe, John D. Ottiwell, William M. Heagerty, Elias E. Desuey, G. Joseph Ruch, William Tobin.

Seventeenth District—President, J. W. Mason; First Vice President, S. W. Simonson; Second Vice President, William Allen; Secretary, George W. Cregier; Treasurer, Rufus Darrow; Delegates to the Central Committee, Joel W. Mason, George S. Hart, Samuel Minnes, Francis Dastler, Benjamin K. Phelps, Jacob S. Isaacs, Wilson Berryman, John Hacker, C. F. Whittemore, James McCandless, William V. Leggest, Cornelius M. Blauvelt.

Eighteenth District—President, Henry E. Howland; First Vice President, T. W. P. Kendrick; Second Vice President, W. Hayne Johnson; Treasurer, Ferdinand S. Wilmerding; Secretary, Joseph C. Biglin; Inspectors of Election, James R. Cosgrove, Thomas G. MacQuaide; Doorkeeper, Henry A. Beatty; Delegates to Central Committee, Chester A. Arthur, Thomas Murphy, Bernard Biglin, Thomas B. Odell, O. F. C. Billings, John Pullman, Horace M. Ruggles, David Milliken, Ferdinand S. Wilmerding.

Nineteenth District—President, Charles F. Bruder; First Vice President, William H. Bellamy; Second Vice President, William L. Waring; Secretary, John J. Humphreys; Treasurer, Joseph Cudlipp; Doorkeeper, Henry Ling; Inspectors of Election, James Linden, John Hufnagle; Delegates to the Central Committee, Isaac O. Hunt, Richard H. Greene, Thomas Hagan, Andrew Bleakley.

Twentieth District—President, Charles H. Willson; First Vice President, John E. Flagler; Second Vice President, James Jackson; Secretary, Albert Bogert; Treasurer, Severn D. Moulton; Inspectors of Election, Lawrence Harney, John E. Robbins; Sergeant at Arms, Samuel J. Lewis; Delegates to Central Committee, William A. Darling, A. J. Dittenboefer, S. H. Wales, H. C. Perley, George Opdyke, Charles Whitlock, Herman Cantor, James Howard, Willard Bullard, James Owens, Alexander Blumstiel, Ferdinand T. Hopkins.

Twenty-first District—President, Rufus B. Cowing; First Vice President, John C. Gifting; Second Vice President, Simon Seward; Secretary, Henry Welsh; Treasurer, James M. Thomson; Inspectors, William F. Haraden, William Starritt; Sergeant at Arms, Norman Campbell; Delegates to Central Committee, Alexander P. Ketchum, Horatio P. Allen, George E. Morgan, Granville P. Hawes, Thomas Hanson, John E. Vandecar, Alexander M. Eagleson, George W. Graff, David Bartley, Robert C. Brown, Moses E. Crasto, Isaac B. Caryl.

Twenty-third Ward.—President, James R. Angel; First Vice President, James Dea; Second Vice President, George A. Henshaw; Secretary, James W. Gilmore; Treasurer, Dr. N. S. King; Inspectors of Election, John Johnson, John E. Lassig; Sergeant at Arms, S. S. Birdsall; Delegates to Central Committee, George W. Thurber, John A. Henry, James R. Marvin.

Twenty-fourth Ward.—President, J. V. Traphagen; First Vice President, F. W. Sonneborn; Second Vice President, J. W. Bolton; Treasurer, Charles E. Barndollar; Secretary, Charles A. Berrian; Doorkeeper, Alexander F. Westcott; Inspectors of Election, A. M. Stanton, James Sloan, Jr.; Delegates to Central Committee, William Herring, J. L. Wells.

LUNATICS AND IDIOTS IN CANADA.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—The report of the Inspector of Prisons and Asylums for the Province of Ontario, for the year ending September, 1875, has been laid before the Legislature. It shows the total number of lunatics and idiots confined in the several asylums and jails in Ontario to be 1,179, an increase over the preceding year of 104.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT.

DISCIPLINE AND TREATMENT OF PRISONERS — DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND THEIR COMPENSATION—SYSTEM OF OBTAINING JURORS, AND OTHER MATTERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The following report of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, was sent to Congress to-day:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:

In obedience to the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1873, I have the honor to submit the following report:

I entered upon the duties of the office of Attorney General of the United States on the 15th day of May last, and as the fiscal year ended on the 30th of the following month, the statistics of my report for that year must depend chiefly upon the records left in this department by my predecessor. I shall, however, take the liberty of calling the attention of Congress to certain matters belonging to this department which have come under my observation since the close of the fiscal year.

PRISONS AND PRISONERS.

In the Revised Statutes, section 5 539, is the following provision:

"Whenever any criminal convicted of any offense against the United States is imprisoned in the jail or penitentiary of any State or Territory, such criminal shall, in all respects, be subject to the same discipline and treatment as convicts sentenced by courts of State or Territory in which such jail or penitentiary is situated, and while so confined therein shall be exclusively under the control of the officers having charge of the same under the laws of such State or Territory."

Under this law great wrongs are done and cruelties are practiced which call for immediate redress. In some of the States the system prevails of letting the prisoners to work for cruel taskmasters, and while the United States pay for the keeping of these prisoners from seventy cents to one dollar each per day, these same prisoners earn a large amount of money, which goes to the keeper of the prison, and of which no account is ever rendered to the United States. While the prisoners are often driven a long distance to work for those who hire them, are improperly fed and clothed, overworked, sometimes severely beaten

GENERAL MISCELLANY.

THE LATE HENRY WILSON.

REPLY TO THE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS OF GYPSY ORIGIN.

The Boston *Herald*, in order to confirm its denial of the assertion that the late Vice President Wilson was of gypsy origin, addressed to an uncle of Mr. Wilson, residing in New-Hampshire, a letter of inquiry, to which the following is the reply:

Editor of the Herald:

There is a story going the rounds of the press that Hon. Henry Wilson was of gypsy descent. Now, we consider it of no importance whatever from whom he descended, as he was not consulted in the matter; and, moreover

"Honor and shame from no condition rise:
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

But the story goes that a young gypsy, with his young daughter, emigrated to this country, and landing at Portsmouth, N. H., the home of Gov. Benning Wentworth, he was employed by Wentworth to work on his farm in Wolfboro, and that when Wentworth had to flee the country, in consequence of his loyalty to King George, he left young Colbath in charge of his farm, and that from this young gypsy descended Hon. Henry Wilson, and also the whole multitudinous race of Colbaths that are now spread from Cape Breton to San Francisco. Now, knowing Mr. Wilson as we did, we hazard nothing in saying that he would rather have been the descendant of a gypsy than of a king. But facts are stubborn things, and we propose to deal in them for a moment. Henry Wilson was the son of Winthrop Colbath, Jr., and the said Winthrop, Jr., was the son of Winthrop Colbath, Sr., who removed from Newington, N. H., to Rochester, now Farmington, N. H., in about the year 1783, and lived and died there a ripe old age. This Winthrop, Sr., (grandfather of Henry Wilson,) was the son of James and Olive Colbath, and said James was doing business in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1750, and continued to do business there until 1765, for we have in our possession his account current with Col. John Downing and others during that period of time. In 1749 Joseph Colbath deeded to said James Colbath two and one-quarter acres of land situated in Portsmouth, and we have the deed of conveyance. In 1764 the said James Colbath (great-grandfather of Henry Wilson) conveyed to his son, Benning Colbath, the same piece of land, with three additional acres, and at the closing of the deed is the important sentence; "And I, Olive Colbath, mother of said Benning Colbath, do hereby join in said conveyance." And the consideration of said deed was love and affection.

Said James and Olive Colbath removed from Newington, formerly part of Portsmouth, to Rochester, now Farmington, in 1764, and subsequently removed to Middleton, N. H., with their son Benning, where they died at a ripe old age, in the year 1800, and they were the first tenants of the old Colbath burial ground in Middleton, where their ashes now quietly rest.

Said James and Olive Colbath were the great grandparents of Henry Wilson. Said James Colbath lived in the same locality, first in Portsmouth, then Newington, from 1750 down to 1764, and raised there a family of eight children, viz.: Leighton, Independence, Winthrop, (grandfather of Wilson,) Hunkin, Benning, Keziah, Deborah, and Amy.

Winthrop, Sr., the grandfather of Mr. Wilson, married Hannah Hodgdon, of Newington; and Wilson's great great grandparents were emigrants from Europe, the man an Englishman and the woman an Irish lady, but their names I have not learned. They landed, according to tradition, and as circumstances indicate, at Portsmouth, N. H.

We will rest here, for the case is clear. Henry Wilson was not a gypsy; his father was never a gypsy; his grandfather was never a gypsy, we know, for we remember him well sixty years ago; his great grandfather was never a gypsy, and his great great grandfather was an English emigrant and not a gypsy. JEREMIAH S. COLBATH.

QUICKSILVER.

The San Francisco *Alta* says: "Quicksilver is improving slowly in price, but is still so much lower than it was when many of the mines now in working condition were opened, that the closing of several of the less productive is anticipated, if a considerable rise does not come soon. The yield of the State has been increasing since 1870, but not so rapidly as the consumption, and unless improved methods of reducing silver ore, without such a loss of mercury as now occurs, can be introduced, there must be an advance. It is not improbable that we shall have to import silver within a year or two, and it has been the exportation of California that has kept the price down. From 1854, when the New Almaden mine got into good running order until 1869 (with the exception of two years when the mine was closed by legal proceedings,) the annual exportation ranged from 30,000 to 44,000 flasks, averaging about 35,000. In 1870 the production fell off, and at the same time the demand increased with the opening of the great bonanza in Gold Hill, and the exports since have been: 13,000 flasks in 1870, 15,000 in 1871, 13,000 in 1872, 6,000 in 1873, and 6,700 in 1874. The California mine was opened a body of ore equal to that of the Consolidated Virginia, and before the end of next year will employ 300 flasks (15,000 pounds) of mercury per month, or more than the Idria and Crown Point have again struck their bonanza, and high hopes are entertained of the Ophir, Yellow Jacket, and Best and Belcher, not to mention many others. Either the quicksilver mines must increase their yield, or some method of avoiding the present great loss in amalgamation be devised, or the export of the bullion will soon be reduced to nothing. The New Almaden is producing about 900 flasks per month; the Redington, 600; the New Idria, 500; the St. Johns and the Great Western 600 each, and others less. The yield of the New Almaden and New Idria, south of the bay, is equal to that of the others in Solano and Napa Counties. The engineers say that the bay ores are much more productive than those to the south of it. The St. Johns Mine is putting up a new furnace, and will contend for the second place with the Redington next year."

A TROTTER IN LITIGATION.

The Baltimore *Sun* of Monday has the following: "William C. Doyle, owner of the trotting horse Tanner Boy, valued at $10,000, now in Norfolk, Va., procured a warrant against Harry Kelley, his trainer, on a charge of embezzling the horse. During the examination of the case before Mayor Whitehead, of that city, on Friday, Doyle stated that he made an agreement with Kelley by which Kelley was to take the horse, pay all expenses, and return to him half of the earnings. A wealthy sporting man of New-York, named Pettigrew, recently deceased, by whom Kelley was employed as trainer, had a pool to give him $5,000 for the season of 1875, $3,000 of which was paid at the time he delivered the horse. Pettigrew started Kelley out with Tanner Boy and his horses, but was taken sick and died before the close of the season. Kelley, in defense, presented a bill of $1,100 for keeping, payments of fines to different turf associations, &c., and stated that he had retained the horse to secure this amount. He says that if he took him to New-York Doyle would evade the payment of the bill by means of the gaming law. Mayor Whitehead decided that the charge of embezzlement had not been sustained, and the case was dismissed. After the dismissal of the case the plaintiff had a warrant to detinue for the value of the horse issued against Kelley. Tanner Boy trotted in several races at Baltimore Herine Run Park last Fall."

THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY TOBACCO CROP.

The Springfield *Republican* of Monday, 13th inst., says: "The valley tobacco dealers are beginning to buy some of the present year's crop. They find it not very well cured, the curing season having been too dry, though the growth was very good, the leaf being quite thin and fine. The consequence is a mottled cured leaf that burns to blackish specks of white ashes, greatly reducing its market value. The same trouble existed all through New-England and the West, and the dealers think the best crop will not bring over ten to fifteen cents per pound, while more will be sold for less than over ten cents. Farmers will be loth to accept such low prices, but they can afford it in the present methods of raising tobacco. Then, too, if the crop is not put upon the market at about these rates, the chances are that it will be sold for less in the end. The crop of last year, some of which was bought in advance of stripping, at twenty-five cents per pound, will have to be largely disposed of to shippers at six or seven cents per pound, and subject to reweighing at New-York. These prices indicate the loss of some of the dealers on this crop, one of them acknowledging to being 'out' $60,000. The dealers say that the farmers have been led by some agricultural papers to think they could get more for their crops, but that the above prices are as high as will be paid for '75 and '74 crops."

FIGHT ON A LOCOMOTIVE.

The Nashville *American* of Sunday says: "Ed. Crofton and Harry Wells, engineer and fireman on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, had a very serious difficulty on the engine of the north bound train between the Decatur shops and the Chattanooga depot last night while the train was in motion. When Conductor Dilehay reached the engine as she was coming out of the Broad street tunnel, Crofton had cut Wells with his knife. The conductor separated the parties, and when he had taken the knife found that the blade was broken off. It appears that Wells and Crofton commenced fighting on leaving the switch at Spruce street. Wells had Crofton down and was beating him on the head with a lump of coal, when they were parted by Express Messenger F. H. Brown, who also stopped the engine on finding them fighting again as the train moved out of the tunnel into the Chattanooga yard. The train remained at the Chattanooga depot until an engineer was dispatched from the Louisville depot. Wells was taken home and his wounds were attended to by Dr. Duncan Eve, who pronounced them to be not serious in their character. Crofton was arrested. He has been in the employ of the Louisville road for several years and has been associated with Wells for nearly three years."

WORK DISTASTEFUL TO TRAMPS.

The Trenton *Gazette* of Monday says: "The city authorities having resolved to try the experiment of putting the tramps at work, procured a boat-load of stone. On Friday night forty-seven tramps applied for lodging, and were furnished with tickets. It was the intention of the committee and Overseer of the Poor to put them at work in unloading the boat-load of stone, which was then lying in Prior's Basin, but by some means they heard that this was the intention, and at 1 o'clock in the morning thirty-four of the number demanded that the doors should be opened, declaring that they would not go to work. At first this request was refused, when they threatened to break open the door. The door was opened, and they started on the road; thirteen of the number remained, and were provided with breakfast, and when they came to be marched to the Basin to unload the boat one of this number rebelled, and was taken to the City Hall and locked up. The others worked until 10 o'clock, when they were discharged. Thus was begun the experiment of setting the tramps at work, and it looks very much as if the main object will be accomplished."

THE GUIBORD CASE.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Now that the Guibord affair is en ded, it may be conceded that the Roman Catholics were not without reason for their opposition to his burial. Their cemetery belonged to them, and was not a public cemetery in the sense that any one, whether a Roman Catholic, a Protestant, or a Jew, could purchase the right of burial in it. There was certainly a show of justice in their claim that they had a right to say that those whom they considered enemies of their faith should not lie in their cemetery. It so happened, however, that the courts decided that Guibord could not be legally deprived of the right of burial in the cemetery, and this decision being the law of the land, it was the duty of the Roman Catholics to obey it.—*New-York Times, Nov. 29, 1875.*

An obscure individual, who had died a member of an infidel secret society, impenitent, &c.

Guibord died out of faith.

Here lies Guibord, an impenitent apostate, who died under sentence of excommunication.—*New-York Tablet, Nov. 27, 1875.*

If I thought the above-quoted opinions had been expressed in bad faith I would not take the trouble of asking you the privilege of explaining what seems to distress two persons writing from different standpoints. First, as to THE TIMES. It is hardly acknowledging the majesty of the law to insinuate that the judgment of the Privy Council must be obeyed merely because it declared what was the law of the land, and at the same time expressing a doubt about the soundness of that judgment. From a philosopher like Jeremy Bentham any idea is always welcome about whatshould exist or be done. A journalist who gives his views on the solemn decision of the highest tribunal of a great country is perfectly right in criticising the law, but he cannot express a doubt on the orthodoxy of the court without striking a fatal blow at the foundation of peace and order in any part of the world. Very few law cases could be sifted to the bottom more carefully and exhaustively than our Guibord affair. It passed through four courts and was investigated by fifteen Judges of different creeds and nationalities. It would be of little interest to go over the points raised, discussed, and decided. Reading over the above quotation of THE TIMES, it is sufficient to say that no one has the right at this hour to express a doubt whether there could be a show of justice in the resistance of the Catholic authorities. Guibord was baptized and married by the Catholic Church. He lived a Catholic all his life, he died a Catholic—recognized and admitted as such by the Catholic authorities up to the hour of his death. He died suddenly, after contributing all his life to Catholic works and to the glory of the Church, by founding and maintaining Catholic institutions with his labor and money. He was the only printer in Montreal who had trained himself for publishing Catholic missionary books for Indian tribes everywhere—United States, Canada, Manitoba, British Columbia. And when that useful and good man is suddenly taken away from this world he is selected as a scape-goat for the establishment of the infallibility of every Bishop in the Catholic world! For that is the real question at issue. The cemetery in the Province of Quebec does not belong to the Bishop or Curé; it belongs to the community of the Catholics; it is bought and kept in repairs by the laity. The Bishop and the Curé who do not contribute a cent for that object claim to admit or exclude whoever they please and on whatever ground they fancy, without any control from any authority but their own or that of the Pope, if Catholics are dissatisfied with their decisions. The question was new in the United States, and it is, to a certain extent, explicable how you could ask whether a Jew or a Protestant could force upon the Catholic authorities the purchase of a lot in their cemetery. But how could you suppose that a court like the Privy Council had failed to see such obvious points as those you set forth? Is a show of justice in the Catholic authorities of Montreal? The daily press has arduous duties to perform, but it has a high mission to fulfill on the fundamental principles of Christian societies. Order must prevail. The courts are more powerful than any army and navy for that object; but they cannot fulfill their call if their decisions are not looked upon as sacred by the only authority they possess—by the organs of public opinion, because the laws which are the foundation of such decisions are not consonant with certain notions of improved legislation, not yet accepted. Please be not hurt by my strong feeling on this matter. The whole world is deficient in a due respect for the code of law, the greatest, fatal, and indispensable necessity of modern societies.

Second, as to the *Tablet*. No Catholic can write or say anything about the Guibord incubus without speaking of the poor printer as an apostate, an excommunicated impenitent, who died out of faith. The Archbishop of Toronto, with a youthful confidence in his talents, threw himself on our first file of posthumous defenders of his Montreal colleague, and he had on his flag the same words as we read in the *Tablet*. These big words are the very condemnation of all the doings of the Catholic authorities in Montreal. If Guibord was not out of faith, was not excommunicated, and was neither impenitent nor apostate, as it was proved and decided by the highest tribunal of the empire on Catholic law upon record, the conclusion is faulty in every respect. The Catholics of the *Tablet* start from false facts, as the philosophers of THE TIMES start from false principles of law.

We of the Institut Canadien are right, if Catholics are to be allowed a treatise of life, a thought of mind, common to other men, members of Congress, of Parliaments, of literary, natural or other kinds of societies; if such societies have one book disapproved by the *Index Expurgatorius*—an index or catalogue unknown not only to lay Catholics, but to Bishops, as was proved in the Guibord case—we are wrong, out of faith, excommunicated unknowingly, and thrown out to the Potter's field after our death. John H. Sinnahan, the counsel for Monheimer, claimed at the trial yesterday that the agreement for the percentage, being subversive of morality, was against public policy, and could no be enforced. Judge Freedman, in charging the jury, observed that the agreement was a private one, with which the City had nothing to do. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiffs for the full amount claimed.

If had been left here to be interfered with by improvements. One marked feature of Mr. Jenckes' character, as it presented itself to me, one of which I have seen no public mention, was his love of nature. I never saw him at the seashore, nor among mountain scenery, but I was often at his house in the country, and had opportunities of observing his knowledge of trees and shrubs, and their haunts and preferences. He spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall." He knew the notes and haunts of the birds, where to find the nests of such or such a species, where to look for the longest peculiar flowers, &c. As he had an intimate acquaintance with every lowly plant, and a special friendship with each number tree, a walk with him about his farm was very pleasant, whether in the early Summer morning he made me wade through the dewy grass while we counted the different kinds of trees, (I wonder that the list we made is still in existence,) or in Autumn he gathered handfuls of ripened leaves and discoursed about their growing tints, and filled the hour with wit and wisdom and poetry. Perhaps, as I stood at the door, he would come from his library and call my attention to the play of light and shadow over the fields, or pick from himself in some profound remark while I listen to the sound of the pigeons' wings as they went and came, 'like so many ladies with silk gowns rustling through the air,' he said. He knew all the traditions of the country, and would tell the story connected with the spot named 'Nine Men's Misery,' as we drove along, and why 'Robin Hollow' and 'Martha's Way' bore those names. Where some deep cutting had been made he would observe the masses of sand and speculate on the ages implied in such vast deposits. Next, perhaps, some sassafras trees would catch his eye, and he would state the fact that the were no others nearer than such or such a spot. Perhaps those who met him only as the thinking lawyer, or heard of him only as absorbed in public duties, might have seen him in yet another light had they known that he was careful to have a bench placed around the large black oak, just outside the gate, that tired wayfarers might there sit and rest themselves; or that he had seats here and there in his woods, because he loved to think he was with that of natural lovers or young people from the villages above and below would come there on Sundays. There was no thing petty in his manners nor in his moods. Direct and weighty was his step in every sense. Magnanimous seems to me the one word that best describes him. I have heard a friend say, it that word were not in the English language it would have been invented for him. Incased, these were the two things that most impressed me in my acquaintance with him—his love of nature and his magnanimity."

THE ALBANY PENITENTIARY.

The twenty-seventh annual report of the Inspectors of the Albany Penitentiary shows the doings of the institution for the year ending Oct. 31, 1875. The gross earnings have been $107,791 77, and ordinary expenditures $79,033 04, leaving a gain of $28,750 83, of which sum $7,225 65 has been expended for improvements of a substantial character. The whole number of convicts received during the year has been 1,977, and there were 824 in the prison at the close of last year. During the year, 1,848 have been discharged, 1,553 by reason of expiration of sentence, pardoned by the President, and 6 pardoned by the Governor. There were 116 more commitments than in 1874. The report continues: "Of the 1,977 committments for the year, 1,028, or a little under two-thirds, were on sentences of less than six months each. Among these we find a very large class of ten to sixty days men, whose faces have been familiar for years to officers of the institution, and who reenter its walls, after short intervals of absence, with a degree of regularity in point of time, quite remarkable. The individuals embraced in this class contribute nothing to their own support; and, we must add, that they derive no benefit from the discipline of the prison, beyond what may be supposed to result from abstaining periodically a few weeks from the use of intoxicating liquors. We feel bound to say, moreover, in this connection, that the convicts here referred to, besides making heavy demands on the time and attention of our physicians, convert the prison hospital, to no trifling extent, into a mere place of refuge, in which to recover from attacks of delirium tremens, or other effects of intemperance and evil habits." A word or two must be added in reference to another class of persons sent to us, in regard to whose mental and physical condition it would seem no attention has been paid by the courts or magistrates before whom they were convicted. We refer to convicts broken down in consolidation or enfeebled by age or chronic disease, who may have been vagrants in a strict technical sense, but whose worst offense would appear to be poverty of means and of friends, and who are in too many cases partially demented or insane. We cannot conceal our regret and surprise, for having sent to us, for prison discipline, any of such unfortunates, who should be cared for in an almshouse or an insane asylum. The health of the prisoners during the year has been generally good, and the institution has been free from epidemic or contagious disease. Sixteen deaths have occurred, five from consumption, four from pneumonia, one from dropsy, two from delirium tremens, two from apoplexy, one from heart disease, and one from cancer."

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION IN GEORGIA.

The Democrats of Georgia now want a new constitution for their State. Their papers approve the project, and at the last term of the Superior Court of Wilkes County the Grand Jury (who speak of themselves "as Democrats,") made the following recommendations in their presentments: "We would recommend our Representatives to use their influence in calling a Constitutional Convention to undo the work of the corrupt Radical Party which framed the unjust Constitution under which we, as Democrats, still continue to live; and especially the inequitous Homestead law, which we consider unreasonably large for the present impoverished condition of our country, and entailing endless litigation and unnecessary taxation, and a premium for dishonesty and the violation of contracts, injuring the credit of the honest industrious planters, and crippling that of the merchants, and enforcing stagnation of the mercantile and agricultural interests of the country."

A POLICEMAN ON TRIAL.

Patrolman Patrick Kennedy, of the Seventeenth Precinct, was arraigned before President Matsell yesterday for trial on a complaint preferred by Maggie Reilly, a woman of bad character. The complainant set forth in her testimony that on several occasions, about a year ago, she had given the accused policeman various sums of money as a bribe not to arrest her, and she further testified that since she had ceased to give him money he had arrested her several times. She had no witness present to corroborate her statement, nor could she state when questioned on what dates she had given money to the officer. The latter in his defense swore that the statement made by the woman was false; that he had never received any money from her, and, furthermore, that she was a notoriously bad woman, and he had arrested her a number of times for intoxication, disorderly conduct, &c. The case was closed and referred to the board, decision being reserved.

ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

Stanislaus Suwarski, a native of Poland, thirty-six years of age, yesterday made a desperate attempt to terminate his existence, while in his room at No. 102 Cannon street. He cut his throat with a razor, inflicting a fearful wound, and immediately after shot himself in the left breast with a pistol. The wounds are believed to be of a fatal nature, and Suwarski was removed to Bellevue Hospital. The motive for the act is not known.... John Hagan, aged forty, a vagrant, attempted to commit suicide yesterday morning by swallowing a quantity of Paris green, and was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

GEN. M'CLELLAN GONE TO BALTIMORE.

The Baltimore *Sun* of Monday says: "Gen. George B. McClellan and family arrived in Baltimore from New-York on Saturday, and has apartments at the St. James Hotel, North Charles street. Gen. McClellan, it is understood, will make Baltimore his permanent residence and removes here principally that the health of Mrs. McClellan may be benefited by the healthful climate of this region."

MANY MURDERS AND FEW CONVICTIONS.

A California paper reports that Judge Reed of that State made a statement recently at Bakersfield to the following purport: That since he has been on the bench there have been 125 murder trials in his district, and out of all that number only four convictions, two of which have occurred during the present term of the District Court there.

LAW REPORTS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

DOUGLAS TAYLOR CONTESTING COL. DUNLAP'S RIGHT TO THE POSITION.

The question of the legality of the appointment of Thomas Dunlap as Commissioner of Jurors by Mayor Wickham in July last, although it has been brought in incidentally in various trials, was yet never passed upon directly until yesterday. Douglas Taylor, the former Commissioner, in order to test the matter, brought suit against Dunlap to recover the salary alleged to be due him since his removal. The case came up for trial before Judge Van Vorst and a jury in the Supreme Court, Circuit, Part II., yesterday. Many of the same questions heretofore raised in regard to the matter were again adverted to and urged yesterday. Mr. Taylor claimed that the act of 1847, under which he had been appointed, had not been repealed, and that the portion of the charter of 1873 under which Dunlap's appointment had been made was unconstitutional. Mr. Taylor introduced evidence of his appointment under the act of 1847. Mr. Dunlap showed his own appointment by the Mayor, and also gave evidence to the effect that immediately after his appointment he had taken charge of the books and papers of the office and had since discharged the duties of the position. Mr. Vanderpool, the counsel for Mr. Taylor, asked the court to instruct the jury to bring in a verdict for the plaintiff. This the court declined to do. William M. Evarts, who represented Mr. Dunlap, then asked for a verdict for the defendant. The court discharged the jury, who brought in a verdict for Mr. Dunlap. Judge Van Vorst, in giving his instructions to the jury, said that he did so because, as he was sitting at circuit, he could not give the question of constitutionality the consideration it merited and which it would receive at the General Term, to which it would be appealed. The matter will be immediately brought before the General Term, and carried from there to the Court of Appeals.

THE BLEECKER STREET RAILROAD.

APPLICATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE TRUSTEE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER.

Argument was had before Chief Justice Davis, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, in the matter of the application of George K. Sistare vs. the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company. The plaintiff seeks to have John M. Harlowe, the Trustee of the bondholders, removed, and to have a Receiver appointed to take the management of the road. It appears that the company made, on Jan. 2, 1865, a mortgage bond to Benedict Lewis, as Trustee, to secure $700,000 of bonds issued by the company. Lewis died a short time afterward, and a majority of the bondholders, in accordance with the terms of the mortgage, applied to the court for the appointment of Mr. Harlowe, whom they wished to have as Trustee. Mr. Sistare was one of the signers of this application. Mr. Harlowe was appointed Trustee, and some time since began suit against the company for a foreclosure of the mortgage on account of the non payment of the interest due in July last. This suit has not yet been determined. In the course of the action, however, a motion was made by the Trustee before Judge Donohue, sitting in the Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Dr. John W. Ranney as the Receiver of the company in case it should be decided that a Receiver was necessary. Subsequently an order was made to withdraw the application was resisted by the company, and the matter is still pending before Judge Donohue. Mr. Sistare, who is the owner of six of the first mortgage bonds of the company, brought the present suit on his own behalf against the company for a foreclosure of the mortgage on the ground that the Trustee was improperly and irregularly appointed. He also claims that the company's property is improperly managed by Mr. Harlowe, and that the road is being run in the interest of a combination of bondholders of this and other companies, and that $50,000 was wrongfully expended in legislation. The company, in its answer, claims that it has not been guilty of any act because of which a foreclosure suit could be brought. In regard to an allegation made by Sistare that it has not paid certain taxes, the company states that the taxed property is not covered by the mortgage sought to be foreclosed. Again, they maintain that the other and similar action brought by Mr. Harlowe and now still pending is for the same purpose, and renders the present one useless. Sistare, in his application, yesterday, asked for the removal of Harlowe as Trustee, for a stay of proceedings in the action brought by him as such Trustee, for an accounting, and for the appointment of a Receiver to manage the road. Judge Davis suggested that it might be desirable to consolidate the suits now pending and have a Receiver appointed. He gave no decision, however, in the case, merely taking the papers for consideration.

MERCANTILE EMBARRASSMENTS.

The following assignments for the benefit of creditors were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday: Julius Wilsinski to George S. Schultz; Thomas L. Brooks and Charles P. Healy to Herman F. Kanenblieg; Jacob Hahn to Peter Fuchs, and Philip O'Neill, Jr., and Richard Goodwin, Jr., to Cornelius Desmond. In the Court of Common Pleas Rachel Marks, who assigned her property to Joseph, reported her liabilities at $999 79, and her real and personal assets at $976. Her assignee's bond in $700 was approved. Julius Wilsinski set forth his liabilities at $15,488 09; his nominal assets at $19,931 74, and his real assets at $9,085 69. His assignee's bond in $12,000 was also approved. In the case of John Dun, who assigned his property to Henry Hutchison, the liabilities are stated to be $4,067 34; nominal assets, $1,794 32, and real assets, $1,900. A bond of $2,000 was ordered.

HOW CITY CONTRACTS ARE LET OUT.

The Stafford Pavement Company brought suit against ex-Alderman J. A. Monheimer, and the case was tried before Judge Freedman and a jury in Part II. of the Superior Court yesterday. The defendant, it seems, obtained for himself the award of contracts from the City for the paving of Seventh, Fifteenth, Fifty-seventh, and Fifty-eighth streets, and of Seventh avenue, with the wooden pavement made by the plaintiffs. Monheimer, it is alleged, agreed to pay the Stafford Pavement Company a certain percentage on the amounts received by him as a royalty. He obtained the money on his contracts, but refused to pay the percentage, and the company, therefore, brought suit for the same, with interest, amounting to $10,486 46. John H. Sinnahan, the counsel for Monheimer, claimed at the trial yesterday that the agreement for the percentage, being subversive of morality, was against public policy, and could no be enforced. Judge Freedman, in charging the jury, observed that the agreement was a private one, with which the City had nothing to do. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiffs for the full amount claimed.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Davis.

Cameron vs. Miltnacht et al.—The attorney, Frost, had no right to proceed to take the orders in the case until the former motion costs adjusted, &c., were paid. He acted in contempt of the express order of the court. The motion against him must be granted, with $10 costs; and unless that sum and the costs of former motions are paid within twenty days after service of this order on him, the plaintiff may apply for an order committing him for such contempt. Meanwhile the proceedings on part of said defendant are to be stayed if plaintiff's attorney so elect.

Ullman vs. Haas.—The plaintiff has delayed the motion so long, and as the General Term is to hear, that I think the motion may be denied. If the cause is not reached at next General Term, the motion may be renewed. No costs of motion.

Meyer vs. Wagner.—Motion denied in part and granted in part. No costs to either party.

Goodman vs. Guthman.—Motion denied without costs, and with leave to proceed as suggested. Memorandum.

Boyden vs. Allendorfer.—Motion denied; $10 costs.

Hand vs. Page.—Motion denied, with $10 costs. Memorandum.

Moorey vs. Lilienthal.—Motion denied, with $10 costs. Memorandum.

Matter of Henry.—Order confirming report and authorizing mortgage.

Smith vs. Skinner.—Court has no power to make such order as this.

Logan vs. Lacy.—Interrogatories and cross-interrogatories settled.

Orders Granted.—Remsen vs. McEvercy; matter of Sterner; matter of Neidig; matter of Ludington; matter of Dyckman.

Matter of Platt.—Granted.

Jung vs. Wagstaf.—Motion denied, with $10 costs. Memorandum.

Booth vs. Kitchen.—Opinion.

By Judge Donohue.

Duncan vs. DeWitt.—Motion denied, with costs.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Van Vorst.

King vs. Livermore.—Case and amendments settled.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

The case of Theodore Reed, a youth of 20, indicted for homicide, in having caused the death of his stepfather, John Walker, in a domestic quarrel at the home of the parties, No. 19 Desbrosses street, on the 1st of May last, was upon the Calendar of the Court of General Sessions yesterday. On the case being moved by Assistant District Attorney Lyon yesterday in the Court of General Sessions, a motion was made to postpone it until Friday, on the ground that his counsel, Mr. Howe, was unable to be present, being actively engaged in the cases of the condemned murderers Dolan and Standerman, as well as in consequence of the absence of an eye-witness to the tragedy who was at present in New-Haven. Mr. Lyon opposed any further delay in the trial of the case, one of the most important witnesses for the prosecution, who had been brought into court repeatedly, being now a resident of Pennsylvania, and about to proceed to California for permanent residence. Under the circumstances Judge Sutherland felt justified in granting a reasonable delay; but set down the case for peremptory trial on Thursday.

SNOW ON RAILROAD TRACKS.

ANOTHER SUIT TO PREVENT A RAILROAD COMPANY FROM THROWING SNOW OFF BY SWEEPERS AND PLOWS.

An evil attending wintry weather which has been much complained of, and somewhat litigated, has again been brought to the notice of a court of law in the suit of William C. Prime against the Twenty-third Street Railroad Company, now on trial before Judge Sedgwick in the Special Term of the Superior Court. The complaint is against the nuisance and obstruction of the embankments of snow thrown up on both sides of the street at the curb by the use of snow-plows and sweepers, and the plaintiff is endeavoring to check such action on the part of the railroad company, and to compel it to remove the snow from the tracks in some other manner. A suit of a similar character was brought against the Eighth & reet Cross-town Line in the Court of Common Pleas last year, but the complaint therein was dismissed on the ground that the clearing of snow from the tracks was a right belonging to the company by virtue of its charter, which authorized it to run along the route. In the present suit the complainant sets forth that the embankments of snow thrown up melt during the day and the snow runs down the cellars of the residents, causing damage and annoyance. Again, the mounds of snow prevent the access of carriages to the curb, and are a great nuisance otherwise, causing accidents to vehicles and bringing danger to their occupants. The action is a test case, and is really brought by residents of Twenty-third and other streets who have combined to contest the matter and have furnished the funds to carry on the suit. A similar suit has been brought against the Forty-second and Grand Street Railroad Company.

COURT OF APPEALS.

PROCEEDINGS AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION—CALENDAR FOR TO-DAY.

ALBANY, Dec. 14.—In Court of Appeals Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1875.

DECISIONS HANDED DOWN.

Geery vs. Geery.—Remittitur ordered amended and new trial granted, cos s to abide event.

The Union National Bank vs. Kupper.—Remittitur ordered amended and judgment affirmed, without costs, in pursuance of stipulations.

Geery vs. Geery.—Motion for reargument denied, with $10 costs.

Dodge vs. The Village of Oswkill.—Motion denied, without costs.

Quincy vs. White.—Judgment reversed and new trial granted, costs to abide event, unless plaintiff stipulate to deduct from the recovery the sum of $5,380 and interest from April 1, 1870, and if they so stipulate the judgment, as so modified, affirmed without costs to either party against the other in this court.

Order Granting New Trial Reversed, and Judgment on Report of Referee Affirmed with Costs.—Bellomi vs. Freeborn; Barlow vs. St. Nicholas National Bank.

Oberlander vs. Spiess.—Order of General Term reversed and judgment on report of Referee affirmed, with costs.

Order Affirmed with Costs.—In re Levy to vacate an assessment.

Judgment Affirmed with Costs.—People ex rel. Lansing vs. Harris; Bunker vs. Bunker; the Excelsior Fertilizing Company vs. Lacey; Norton vs. Mallory; Dond vs. Holmes; The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company vs. The Mayor, &c., of Albany; Selver vs. Col; Schofield vs. McGregor; Cadding vs. Newman; Fraser vs. Wyckoff.

Ons vs. the New-York Central Railroad.—Judgment reversed and cause remitted to Supreme Court with directions to proceed and hear the cause upon the merits, costs to abide event.

Still vs. Little.—Order granted, new trial affirmed, and judgment absolute for defendants on stipulation, with costs.

Donovan vs. Woodruff.—Order granting new trial reversed, and judgment of non-suit of circuit affirmed, with costs.

Faulks vs. Camp.—Appeal dismissed, with costs.

The second National Bank of Watkins vs. Miller.—Order granting new trial affirmed, and judgment absolute for defendant on stipulation, with costs.

Cushman vs. United States Life Insurance Company.—Judgment reversed and new trial granted, costs to abide event.

MOTIONS.

Rider vs. Stricker.—Motion for reargument. Samuel Hand for motion. Papers submitted on both sides.

Murphy vs. The People.—Motion to postpone argument. S. Hand for motion, Seth H. ole opposed. Case set down by order for Monday, Dec. 20, at the head of the calendar.

The People vs. Wasson.—Motion to dismiss the appeal. E. Burlingame for motion, William Sweeney opposed. Motion suspended, the people to serve the papers.

The People ex rel. Buckley vs. The Board of Police.—Motion for reargument submitted.

APPEALS FROM ORDERS.

No. 338.—*The Mayor, &c., of New-York, respondents, vs. Henry W. Genet, appellant.*—Argued by Oliver W. Wesi, of counsel for appellant, and by John E. Parsons for respondents.

No. 347.—*Ely Clark, respondent, vs. Jeremiah J. Austin, appellant.*—Argued by G. L. Stedman, of counsel for appellant, and by Mathew Hale for respondent.

No. 338.—*In the Matter of the petition of Thomas Roe to Vacate and assessment.*—Argued by Irving Ward, of counsel for appellant, and by William Hayes for respondent.

No. 113.—*Campbell vs. Seaman.*—Argument resumed and concluded.

Proclamation made and the court adjourned.

Day calendar for Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1875: Nos. 98, 99, 163, 114, 115, 117, 72, and 73.

COURT NOTES.

The trial of the case of Wills, Edmonds & Co. against Collector Arthur was begun yesterday afternoon in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Shipman. The question at issue is whether "jute reductions," under the act of July 14, 1862, are subject to the duty of $5 per ton, charged on jute.

James Reed, indicted for breaking into the apartments of Christian Kronneller, No. 301 Ridge street, on the 26th of August, and stealing therefrom wearing apparel valued at $50, pleaded guilty yesterday in the Court of General Sessions and was sentenced by Judge Sutherland to three years in State Prison.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Thomas Millen, a blacksmith living at No. 320 East Seventeenth street, charged with stealing $27 in money, a memorandum-book, and handkerchief from the person of Dennis Daly, of No. 658 Water street, who lay asleep on the sidewalk on the 7th of November, was found guilty and sent to State Prison for one year.

The case of J. Rosenthal & Co., importers of rubber jewelry, against Collector Arthur, to recover about three hundred dollars, alleged to have been paid under protest as excessive duty, was on trial yesterday in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Shipman. The plaintiffs claimed that this jewelry was only dutiable at the rate of twenty-five per cent. ad valorem, while the Collector had demanded thirty-five per cent., on the ground that the goods were imitations of manufactures of jet. The jury rendered a verdict for plaintiffs.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

At the Washington Place Police Court Gustave Fuller was yesterday committed in default of $2,000 bail to answer for stealing a trunk from an express wagon of the New-York Transfer Company.

At the Washington Place Police Court yesterday Justice Kasmire held John Hope, of South Fifth avenue, in default of $500 bail to answer for an alleged embezzlement of $4 50 from his former employer, William Eagle, of No. 393 West Fifty-seventh street.

At the Washington Place Police Court yesterday John Rutledge, of No. 11 Franklin street, was committed in default of $2,000 bail to answer the charge of having obtained $9 from Peter Walsh, of No. 333 West street, by representing himself to be one Patrick Dolan, a workman in his employ.

Margaret Curtis and Elizabeth Craig, of No. 47 Forsyth street, were yesterday committed by Justice Otterbourg, at the Essex Market Police Court, in default of $1,000 bail each, to answer for having stolen $43 from Frank Downing, of No. 47 Mangin street. The prisoners disclaimed all knowledge of the transaction.

FIVE YEARS FOR A FIFTY-CENT BURGLARY.

On the morning of the 13th of last October Daniel Mooney, of No. 115 Washington street, was aroused by some noise in his apartment, and on awakening saw a man leave the room and escape by the front door. Mooney pursued the intruder, and caused his arrest by a Police officer who heard the alarm. The burglar, who gave his name as William Bloomfield, and said he was a tailor out of work, was disturbed in his operations before he had succeeded in stealing any property, and only carried off an old felt hat, identified by Mooney as his property, and valued at fifty cents. On being called to the bar of the Court of General Sessions yesterday, by Assistant District Attorney Herring, Bloomfield pleaded guilty to burglary in the third deg

SCENES IN THE EAST.

A LEVEE OF EASTERN CHIEFTAINS.

THE VICEROY'S RECEPTION—HOW ORIENTAL PRINCES ARE HONORED—GOLCONDA RENEWED—CURIOUS CEREMONIES—BOYISH STATELINESS—THE JEWELS OF THE GUICOWAR.

Bombay (Nov. 8) Correspondence of the London Daily Telegraph.

And now let me describe another scene, more imposing and more important, more interesting also, as being exactly similar to one in which the Prince of Wales himself will have to take part next week. It was late on Tuesday night when I received an invitation from the courteous and indefatigable Secretary of the Viceroy, Capt. Evelyn Baring, to breakfast at Malabar Point, the temporary residence of Lord Northbrook, on the following morning There was, however, in the note even more than this, for it contained a postscript with the information that his Excellency would receive the principal chieftains at present in Bombay in the audience-room of Government House at 7 A. M. Such a summons could not be lightly valued, and I hastened to acknowledge the missive and prepared to obey. The daylight had not appeared when I found myself in a gharry driven by an ill-tempered Mohammedan—ill-tempered because awakened early—toward the beautiful bay which fronts Malabar hill. Now and then a streak of sunshine would dart across the sky and the sea, telling of the close proximity of day. The surf was breaking on the land with a sullen roar, but not a breath of air could be felt on that sultry morning. On went the grumbling driver, until at length long lines of troops were descried, native infantry, with arms at the "present," native cavalry with lances held aloft, pennons dangling in the air, and English constables clad in white clothes, all drawn up in regular order, waiting the arrival of the great personages who were presently to come to visit his Excellency. A few moments more, when the sun was up, scorching everybody, I was hastening up the steps of Malabar House. On seeing a place for the first time, the eye naturally wanders all around. Let us glance at the building before us. On the broad staircase on either side are soldiers of the Viceroy's body guard. Some bear halberds, some lances, some swords; they are broad, strong men—few of them less than six feet in height, and look magnificent in their small striped turbans, their long scarlet coats and golden waistbands. Better soldiers than these cannot be found. In the mutiny Lord Canning held to his native body guard, and refused the guard of English troops; and Lord Northbrook still refuses to believe that anything can be safer than the watch that is kept by his stalwart Punjabees. On arriving at the top we are at once on a broad covered verandah, extending all round the house—a delightful retreat from the rays of the sun, and just now full of a welcome breeze which has suddenly sprung up, and is coming in from the sea. Here, again, are soldiers of the body guard marking the entrance to the State room, which opens on to the verandah. A few steps bring us into the very centre of the Viceregal Court, all ready as that court is for the reception of the Rajah of Kholapore, who is momentarily expected. The scene is extremely impressive. A lofty audience chamber, with two marble pillars at one end, cutting off, say, a fourth of the space, and thus forming a kind of recess for the throne; the throne just now occupied by Lord Northbrook is constructed of enamel and gold, having a golden lion for one arm and a golden bull for another, bearing a purple and golden crown about a foot above the back, and altogether forming one of the finest State chairs ever designed. This also is placed upon a dais one step high. On the right hand is a long row of empty arm-chairs, running down half the length of the room; on the left an equal number of chairs, not empty, but filled by officers in brilliant uniforms. Capt. Baring, mentioned before; Col. Earle, the admirable Military Secretary; Mr. C. U. Aitchison, the Foreign Secretary; Major Henderson, acting Political Assistant; Major Secretary—the Viceroy's personal staff. Behind the throne are gathered an array of servants picturesquely attired in bright red uniforms and gold and white turbans, holding scarlet fans, golden umbrellas, and other insignia of Eastern royalty. Round the room at regular intervals are more of these attendants, maces with crowns and elephants' heads in silver, and halberds. But by far the most important item in the whole room next to the Viceroy himself has as yet been unnoticed, although upon it depends more than would be conveyed in the strongest letter of approval or dissatisfaction that was ever penned at Calcutta and sent to a native Prince. At first glance there seems nothing very startling about it either. It is a long oval piece of crimson with a golden border, the royal arms being in the centre. Yet how far the Viceroy may advance on that carpet when about to meet a guest is matter for serious deliberation and special notice in the *Gazette*. Beyond the line *Deu et mon droit*, in presence of a Nawab, and his Excellency would raise a thousand jealousies, make said Nawab insane with delight, and lay the foundation for a series of troubles the end of which could not be predicted. Stop but six inches from the edge when a Guicowar or a Maharana enters, and a rebuke would be conveyed and received of profound importance and meaning. Even the number of steps the Viceroy may take on that wonderful rug work are defined by a decree in council, and he must lie more take five when three are ordered than the officer in charge of yonder artillery battery just preparing to fire may let off twenty-one guns in honor of the Chief of Jamkhundee. He may let off two less than that number in honor of the Rajah of Kholapore, and, indeed, is now preparing to do so, for his Highness, attended by nine of his principal sirdars and an escort of cavalry, preceded by Capt. Jackson, is just now being driven at a great rate along the pathway to the house. The troops are presenting arms, and the band is playing. Bang go the guns, with a deafening sound. Two officers ran down the steps, and the ruler of Kholapore is assisted from his carriage and conducted to the audience-chamber without delay. As the sound of approaching footsteps is heard the Viceroy rises and stands upon the dais, till the faces of his guests are seen in the anteroom. The *Gazette* order for the day states that Lord Northbrook will receive his Highness "at the edge of the carpet and conduct him to a seat on his right hand;" and nobody knows all this better than the Lilliputian Highness now entering the doorway. Perhaps it is the experienced Government of Mr. Aitchison, perhaps the jealous eye of the boy-Prince, which regulates the steps of the Kholapore party. Anyhow, the youth only arrives at the outer edge of the carpet at the precise moment when the Viceroy is at the inner edge, and the Viceroy's extended hand reaches into unoccupied space. With a rapid bow the little Rajah grasps his Excellency's fingers and is then led to the chair covered with golden cloth—which stands next the dais on the right, and is to be used for all Princes who come—followed by the English officer resident at his Court, and his sirdars, all of them in white muslin, in singular contrast. As soon as the Rajah is seated we are at liberty to criticise his dress. I think there are, if possible, more diamonds round that little neck than on the previous day—larger pearls for bracelets and finer rubies as ear-rings. The diamond aigrette in the gold turban is, moreover, supplemented by another tuft of brilliants, and the finger-rings on the royal hands are more costly than before. The pole-faced child can scarcely weigh five stone—diamonds, clothes, sword, and all; yet there he sits, coolly chatting with the Viceroy, and now and then sending a glance of ineffable contempt round the room, as though it was not a bit more ornate than it should be, considering that so important a personage as himself is in it as guest. So a few minutes pass, and then Mr. Aitchison, in person once more, introduces the sirdars to the Viceroy. One by one these portly chieftains rise, and, advancing to the throne, make a low obeisance, and hold out a bag of gold to his Excellency. In times gone by the gold would scarcely have been held out with safety. An Emperor of Delhi in the olden time would probably have not only taken that, but demanded a good deal more, and delighted at times like Victor Emanuel as he touches the money, the siddar shuffles back into his place, and, as coin-carrying is not pleasant to an indolent person, and one bag of money, which is only to be touched and not used, is as good as twenty, he simply transfers the bag from his own yellow handkerchief to the red one of his successor in homage, and so the money goes round. "Attar and pan will then be given to the Rajah by the Viceroy himself," runs the circular. Attar and pan are given in consequence. Two bearers, clad in scarlet, enter the room from a side door, the one carrying a glass bottle on a silver stand, the other some gold and silver-leaved packets on a salver. Slowly they stand at the feet of the Rajah, they kneel before the Viceroy, who rises, and, taking from the bottle a silver stick, conveys a drop of attar of roses to the extended handkerchief of his chief guest. Next a gilded packet—it contains the leaf called pan, some betel-nut, a clove, and a little quicklime, all admirably adapted for chewing, says the Hindoo—is transferred by Lord Northbrook to the right hand of the Rajah, who, after making a profound bow, hands both handkerchief and packet to an attendant. The sirdars are now treated in similar fashion by the Foreign Secretary and his assistant, according to their rank, and then at a signal all rise, the Viceroy extends his hand to the Rajah, and, leading him to the very edge of the carpet, once more shakes hands with him, and bids him adieu.

But a greater than he is close at hand. In a few minutes fresh artillery salutes announce the new comer, and the guard of honor has scarcely stacked its arms before it has to present them once more. And the promptitude is not without reason. Chamrajendra Hadiar Bahadoor, Maharajah of Mysore, is driving up the pathway—a Prince entitled to a salute of twenty-one guns, to be met on the edge of the carpet, to receive attar and pan from his Excellency's own hands, and to be treated with profoundest respect as one of the principal rulers of India. Strange to say, out of all the armed retainers who accompany his carriages and then stand in a row on each side of the throne, only one ascends the broad staircase with the Prince and his guardian, (Col. Malleson,) and this a fat old gentleman in a starched petticoat and stockings, wearing a curious turban of yellow calico, and carrying a big bag of money as "nuzzar" for the Viceroy. His Highness is dressed just as he was on the previous day—in black velvet, with the same turban and cigarette of brilliants, the same splendid necklace and the same rings on his left arm, however, a sparkling armlet of diamonds, and on his ankles more pearls than before. He is a stately little fellow, this Maharajah, only thirteen years old though he may be, and he stops at the edge of the carpet till the Viceroy reaches it with all the dignity of a great sovereign, taken his place in the chair of honor as though it were the throne of Southern India, and converses with the Viceroy with all the affability and ease of an accomplished man of the world. I am told he is a good cricketer, that he can ride and drive well, that he can even be punctual, that he is receiving a sound education, and that he shows a disposition to learn. His reception is of the same kind as that of his predecessor; he takes the attar and pan, and is gone. The next guest is the Maharana of Oodepore. I do not know how many books have been written to prove that this gentleman is the greatest Prince in India. He claims to rank above the Guicowar of Baroda and Prince of Mysore, and to receive, like them, a royal salute instead of only a welcome of nineteen guns. He is the head of the Rajpoots—the purest race of Hindoos—a sacred person in his own right, and the representative of the only dynasty that successfully withstood the victorious Emperors of Delhi, and lesser warriors, for 800 years. For the rest, he is a stately young man of about twenty-three summers, somewhat badly marked by small-pox, but, for all that, kingly in demeanor, and not unpleasing in countenance. He, too, is received at the edge of the carpet, and led by the right hand to the place of honor by Lord Northbrook. His followers, indeed, hold their heads as high and stride along as proudly as though they were all Kings in their own right, instead of tributary Princes. Their wonderful costumes of bright green and gold, their white turbans, and their jewels, as they follow their master—who wears nothing but white linen, and boasts only two or three large diamonds—are extremely picturesque; and when they come forward one after another, and are presented to Lord Northbrook, bowing to the earth and kissing the tips of the fingers just touched by his lordship, their appearance is not less effective. They thought, it appears, that the Viceroy would rise to receive them; but England's power has grown while theirs has decreased, and since they last saw the Queen's representative times have changed, and they now only obtain a gracious nod, and have to be satisfied. The same ceremony which dismissed the brethren of Kholapore send them away, and the Rana of Oodeypore is succeeded by the Rao of Kutch. This good gentleman, despite his brigand-like appearance, is a very estimable person, rules a large State wisely, and generally steers clear of difficulties with the Government. At first glance he gives one the impression of a very lordly individual indeed—one, in fact, who might be met at the edge of any carpet in the world, with great propriety. But not so. The Rao in the middle, which says, "Dieu et mon droit," might, so far as he is concerned, read, "Kutch et mon droit," for it is just there that the Viceroy awaits him, and not an inch nearer. Moreover, the guns outside are only firing seventeen rounds, and one almost imagines that the band left off playing a little sooner than before. But never mind, Rao Pragmul, you are bravely attired in your dark green velvet habit and tight blue riband over the heart; your red and gold turban is exceedingly becoming, and your step is very creditable. It is a pity that you are only allowed five attendants, however, for more of such dresses might easily be seen with an untired eye. The Rao's hand and one gold mohur which the Rao presents being touched, and a short conversation over, his Highness is led down to the centre of the carpet once more, and thence to the doorway by the Foreign Secretary. He is not long gone before an unusual stir is noticeable. Arms! Present arms! Make way for the Guicowar's horsemen and carriages, for, to the sound of a royal salute and a royal march, the protégé of Sir Richard Meadeis coming along the pathway. Men of the bodyguard stiffen in position, the Viceregal suit is in its place, and the Viceroy is already past the middle of the carpet ere the little Prince is through the doorway. Led by his guardian, he steps cautiously forward, so as to time his footsteps to those of the Governor General, and just as his Excellency's feet are at the edge this royal waif and stray, this little King by accident, stretches out his hand, and with complete calmness thus salutes the Viceroy. His stride along the carpet to his chair of state is as remarkable as his dress, which is indeed striking. More jewels than ever glitter round that little neck. Nearly four hundred thousand pounds' worth of diamonds, pearls, rubies, and emeralds adorn the person of this little boy; such an aigrette was never seen in any other turban. Some English ladies whom I know and who take delight in jewelry and find pleasure in brilliants, would have been almost beside themselves with joy at such a spectacle; even seasoned men accustomed to such sights here was a perceptible murmur of applause. I need scarcely say that twenty-one guns saluted this important item of sovereign humanity; that attar and pan were handed him by the Viceroy with all respect, and then at length he was led to the very edge of the carpet, before being handed over to the foreign Secretary, and taken to his carriage. Next came Sir Salar Jung, the guardian of the Nizam of Hyderabad. So remarkable is this man that, although he is only an "Excellency," and by no means royal, he is honored with twenty-one guns, and received in the centre of the carpet. His business here is to represent the Nizam, who is actually too ill to come. The resident English physician has declared against the young Prince's journey, a prolonged illness supports the plea, and Sir Salar Jung is here to render homage for him. Take a good look at his Excellency as he sits by the side of the Viceroy, clad in simple white, with only a light blue ribbon across his breast. In appearance, closely cut hair, and short mustache, he is very like Prince Bismarck. He has the round head and quick eye of the German Chancellor, and is apparently as frank as he. Men who know him well speak in admiring tones of his grasp of European politics. His administration of the wild population of Hyderabad shows his force of character and strength of will. If Madava Rao is the first of Hindoos, Sir Jung is the premier Mohammedan, and as such is esteemed by the Government.

TRAITS OF THE POPE.

THE OLD MAN FOND OF HIS JOKE—HOW HE REGARDS THEATRES—A GREAT SNUFF-TAKER.

The Roman correspondent of the *Constitutionnel* gives some curious and interesting details of the inner life of the Pope. It is well known that Pius IX. is fond of his joke. He cracks his wit on all occasions. In 1873, Mgr. de Mérode broke his leg while inspecting some houses he was having built. The Holy Father paid him a visit in his apartment in the Vatican, whither the Bishop had been conveyed. After condoling with him on his misfortune, the Pope, on leaving, recommended him to be more prudent in future, otherwise the *naladie de la pierre* which tormented him, might play him false. This was a sly poke at the Bishop's mania for building stone houses. On another occasion a homeopathin doctor demanded his benediction for a new hospital. The Pope at once granted it, but in his letter he stipulated that the blessing should be given, not only to the doctors, but also to the assistants, nurses, and everybody connected with the establishment—that is to say, it was not to be a benediction *a dose homéopathique*. It has hitherto been thought that Pius IX. holds theatres and actors in the utmost abhorrence. It the correspondent in question is to be believed, his Holiness is nothing like so intolerant in the matter as he is represented. The Pope, it appears, has often given proofs of his good will toward the sock and buskin. When a celebrated local comedian, named Domenico, gave his farewell at the Valle Theatre, the Holy Father sent him fifty crowns for a box, which, however, he did not occupy, much to the regret of the actor. The Pope is an excellent musician, and plays well on the violoncello. He possesses a good baritone voice, which he exercises on all festive occasions. He is very particular about the getting up of all religious fêtes, and on one occasion introduced a novelty which caused much surprise. It was apropos of the *prise de possession* of St. Jean de Lateran. During the procession round the confessional, the Pope, instead of marching to the right, went to the left. The master of the ceremonies was stupefied, and, rushing up, exclaimed, "Santifà, this is the way," pointing to the right. The Pope took no notice, and continued his route. Again the master of the ceremonies advanced and said, "I beg your pardon, Santifà, but this is the way." The Holy Father turned his head and replied, "I beg your pardon also, but this is the way," pointing to the left. "Oh, very well," rejoined the master of the ceremonies, "if you wish to make Italian unity, I have nothing more to say—but this is the way, all the same. *Si va per di qua.*" We are next treated to some details of the Pontifical wardrobe. His Holiness, who is a great snuff-taker, wears out five cassocks a year; each cassock costs £20. His red cope costs £30; it lasts him about a twelve-month. His silk stockings, which are made by a Belgian house, cost £4 a pair. His shoes vary in price, according to the nature of the embroidered cross on them; one pair is decorated with crosses of brilliants, worth £4,000. The Pope's old clothes are eagerly sought after by devotees, who keep them as religious relics, and many are the faithful who write to him to beg the gift of an old slipper or pocket-handkerchief; but the Holy Father, as a rule, leaves the matter in the hands of his valet, who naturally makes fine pickings.

WADDELL'S BIG PROJECT.

If we may credit the correspondent of the Chicago *Times* the City of San Francisco narrowly escaped a demand for tribute from a rebel privateer just after the close of the war. This correspondent sends an account of an interview with Capt. Waddell, who was commander of the rebel pirate Shenandoah, and represents him as saying: "After destroying the whaling fleet I headed south, intending to make a raid on San Francisco. I had full information regarding the condition of that port. There was but one naval vessel there; that was inferior to the Shenandoah. I knew her commander well. He was an old shipmate of mine. I knew the harbor well; had been stationed there seven months, waiting the completion of the Saginaw, building at Mare Island, and had full knowledge of the channels, currents, and all features of the harbor. I had no fear of the forts. It would have been easy to elude them in the night. My plan was to run in after dark, passing inside of the forts, where they could not harm me; run alongside the Federal war vessel before he recognized me, demand her surrender or blow her out of the water. Then I should have had the harbor as my mercy. I proposed then to levy a contribution of $500,000, gold, from the City of San Francisco, and if it were not paid shell the town. It no doubt would have been paid. When within 200 miles of port I met the British bark Barsoanta, which gave me satisfactory information of the fall of the Confederacy. I at once dismantled the Shenandoah and sailed for Liverpool, where I surrendered to the British Government. But for meeting the Barsoanta on Aug. 2, 1865, San Francisco would have been at my mercy."

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—DEC. 14.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

$10,000 D. H. & E., G.	19	300 North-western	39⅝
30,000 Dis. C. 3.65s.	67	200 do	39⅛
200 Erie Railway	16⅝	200 do	39⅝
400 Western Union	76¾	200 do	39⅝
200 do	76¾	100 North-west. Pref.	56⅛
1500 do	76⅞	150 do	56
600 do	76⅛	20 Pittsburg	90
700 do	76⅜	100 Rock Island	104⅛
500 do	76⅛	100 Pacific R. of Mo.	12⅜
100 Pacific Mail	40⅜	300 do	12
400 do	40⅜	200 Mich. Cen	89⅜
200 do	40⅜	500 Ohio and Miss.	17
900 do	40⅜	100 do	17
100 St. Paul	35⅞	200 do	17
400 do	35⅞	1200 do	16⅞
100 Lake Shore	61⅜	100 Union Pacific	67⅜
1000 do	61¼	100 do	67⅝
10 do	61¼	100 do	67⅜
500 do	61¼	100 do	67⅝
1300 do	61⅛	100 do	67⅝
300 do	61⅛	100 do	67⅝
		1200 do	67⅝

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	120⅝	$39,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	122⅞
5,000 do	120⅝	6,000 do	122⅞
20,000 U. S. 5-20, R., '65, N	117⅛	5,000 U. S. 5s, '81, C	117⅝

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$5,000 S. C. 6s, new, non-fund	5	100 Mich. Cen	89⅝
3,000 D. of C. 3.65s.	67½	100 do	89⅜
10,000 do	67	200 Panama	125
5,000 Brook. 6s, W. L.	104	500 L. S. & M. S.	61
3,000 L. & Nar. 1st h. c.	111⅝	600 do	61⅛
3,000 C., B. & Q. C. 7s.	110¼	20 do	60⅝
7,000 do	110⅜	400 do	61⅜
1,000 M. & St. P. 8s, 1st	113	2000 do	61
10,000 M. & St. P. C. S. P.	81⅜	2000 do	61⅛
5,000 M. & St. P. I. & M. Div. b. c.	86	1600 do	60⅞
60,000 C. & N. W. C. U.	103	600 do	60⅞
5,000 I., B. & W. 1st	27	1600 do	61
1,000 Long Dock	101½	100 do	61⅛
1,000 do	103	200 C. & P. G'd b. c.	89¾
3,000 H. & St. Jo. C.	89	100 C. & N. W. b. c.	39⅝
2,000 do	81½	200 C. & N. W. b. c.	39⅝
3,000 do	81⅝	200 do	39⅝
1,000 C., P. & A. old	100	200 do	39⅝
1,000 N. Y. C. 1st	123	26 Mor. & Es. b. c.	104
7,000 Cen. Pac. G. B.	107⅞	150 Union Pac. b. c.	75⅞
4,000 Union Pac. 1st	104⅜	500 do	75⅞
5,000 U. Pac. S. F.	97½	200 do	75⅞
5,000 do. S. F.	93¾	100 do	76
5,000 Tol. & W. 2d	51	100 do	75⅞
5 Fourth Nat. Bank	97	100 do	75⅞
20 Metropolitan Bk.	131	100 do	75⅞
60 W. Un. Tel. b. c.	83⅞	100 do	75⅞
200 do	76⅛	300 C. & R.	b. c. 83
8 do	76⅛	100 do	83
1900 do	76	100 do	83
100 do	76	100 do	83
200 do	76	100 do	83
40 do	76⅛	100 do	83
800 do	76⅛	40 do	83
1700 do	76	100 do	83
100 do	75⅞	100 do	83
700 do	75⅞	500 C. M. & St. P. P.	b. c. 65
7 Del. & H. Canal	122⅛	100 do	65
400 Erie Railway	16⅞	100 Chic. & Alton	97⅛
300 do	16¼	200 do	97⅜
1700 Pac. Mail	b. c. 40⅜	72 do	97⅜
200 do	40⅜	20 do	97¼
200 do	40⅜	100 do	97⅛
100 Canton Co	40	30 Rens. & Saratoga	117
5 Adams Ex	b. c. 102⅜	100 R. & M.	b. c. 83
15 Wells-Far. Ex	b. c. 84	100 Pac. R. of Mo.	b. c. 11⅞
310 N. Y. C. & H.	b. c. 103	100 do	11⅞
200 do	103⅝	100 do	11⅞
100 do	103⅝	700 Ohio & Miss.	b. c. 16⅞
75 do	103⅞	100 do	17
16 Cen. R. of N. J.	103	200 do	16⅞
15 do	b. c. 105	100 do	17

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$1,000 S. C. 6s, n., A. and O.	36	100 Lake Shore	60⅞
5,000 U. Pacific R. S.	93¼	1600 do	60⅝
100,000 N. W. C. C. G. B.	85⅝	100 do	60⅜
50,000 do	85⅝	100 do	60⅝
15 Metropolitan Bk.	131	800 do	61
200 North-west. rn Ex	89	200 do	61⅛
20 do	c. 65¾	200 Pacific Mail	40⅜
100 West. Union	75⅞	300 do	40⅜
1600 do	75⅞	300 do	40⅜
1100 do	75⅞	100 Erie Railway	16¼
600 do	75⅞	40 Toledo & Wabash	5
1300 do	75⅞	300 Pacific R. of Mo.	11⅞
200 do	75⅞	200 Ohio & Miss.	16⅞
100 Michigan Central	60⅛	300 do	16⅞
100 do	60⅛	100 Han. & St. Jo.	21¾
100 do	60⅛	300 do	20⅞

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2 P. M.

$50,000 U. S. 6s, R., '81	119⅜	$10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	123
10,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65	118⅛	25,000 do	123⅛
25,000 do	116¼	39,000 U. S. 5s, R., '81, C	117⅛
		9,000 U. S. 5s, C., '81	117⅛

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$2,000 C. Pac. G. bs.	106⅞	50 Adams Ex	b. c. 102⅜
24,000 C. & N. W. Con. Coup. G. bds.	85½	10 N. Y. C. & Hud.	b. c. 105⅝
3,000 do	85¼	200 do	106
1,000 Chi. & N. W.	99¼	100 Erie Railway	b. c. 16⅜
4,000 West. Pac. bs.	98	200 Erie R. Pf.	b. c. 32
2,000 Del. & H. R. '91	113	200 Harlem	134¼
100 Harlem 1st 7s,	135	100 Mich. Cen.	b. c. 89⅜
5 Del. & H. C.	b. c. 83	100 do	89⅜
100 Quin. Min. b. c.	122½	100 do	89⅜
200 Quick. Min. b. c.	18	100 do	89⅜
100 do	18	100 do	89⅜
100 Quick. Min. Pf.	36	100 Ill. Cen.	b. c. 83⅜
200 do	b. c. 23¾	100 C., C. & I. R.	59¼
100 do	23⅝	300 Chi., M. & St. P.	b. c. 35⅞
500 W. Un. Tel.	b. c. 75⅞	300 Han. & St. Jo.	21¼
500 do	75⅞	300 H. & St. Jo. Pf.	b. c. 28
100 do	75⅞	100 C. & R.	b. c. 83
100 do	76	1000 L. Sh. & M. S.	b. c. 61⅜
300 do	75⅞	1300 do	b. c. 61¼
100 do	75⅞	100 do	61¼
100 do	75⅞	100 do	61¼
100 do	b. c. 76	100 do	61¼
25 U. S. Ex	b. c. 55½	1100 do	61¼
100 Pac. Mail	b. c. 40⅜	100 do	61¼
200 do	40⅜	200 do	61¼
1500 do	40⅜	200 Un. Pacific	b. c. 76⅛
700 do	40⅜		

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$40,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '68	123	500 Lake Shore	61⅜
5,000 N. W. C. C. G. bs.	85⅞	100 do	61⅜
1,000 do	85⅞	100 do	61⅜
11,000 do	86	100 do	61⅜
5,000 Un. Pac. S. F.	93	400 St. Paul Pf.	86
400 West. Union	76	100 North-western	40
100 do	75⅞	1500 do	40⅛
200 do	76	100 do	40⅜
100 do	75⅞	3300 do	40⅜
100 U. S. Ex	55⅛	1200 do	40⅜
100 Pac. Mail	40⅜	100 do	40⅜
1000 do	40⅜	70 N. Y. C. & Hud	106
100 Erie Railway	16⅛	100 North-west. Pf.	66¼
10 Erie Railway Pf.	32	100 Tol. & Wab.	4⅞
100 Panama	123	200 Del., Lack. & W.	119½
100 C., C. & I. C.	44	100 Han. & St. Jo.	21¾
		100 Han. & St. Jo. Pf.	28

TUESDAY, Dec. 14—P. M.

Speculation on the Stock Exchange during the early hours of the day was characterized by weakness, and a lower range of prices prevailed. There was no special pressure to sell, however, and the decline was only ¼ to ¾ ₱ cent. This condition of affairs lasted until about 1 o'clock, when a firmer feeling set in and a general recovery ensued, under a brisk buying movement. In the late dealings Chicago and Northwestern was conspicuously strong, advancing to 40⅜ for the common and to 56¼ for the preferred, the transactions for the day footing up 11,000 shares. Lake Shore, which figured for 26,000 shares, declined from 61⅛ to 60¾, and afterward recovered. Union Pacific fell off to 75¾, and closed at 76⅛. Western Union declined to 75⅝, St. Paul common to 35½; preferred to 65¾, Ohio and Mississippi to 16⅞, Michigan Central to 60⅛, Hannibal and St. Joseph common to 21½, and Missouri Pacific to 11¾; but at the close prices rallied ¼ to ½ ₱ cent. Pacific Mail was firm at 40⅜@40½, and Erie at 16¼@16½. Harlem advanced to 134¼. New-York Central sold at 105⅝@105¾, Panama at 125, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western at 119½, and Illinois Central at 96.

The paragraph appearing in the morning papers to the effect that the Government had commenced a suit against the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company is stated to be devoid of foundation, on the authority of President Mitchell, who telegraphs from Milwaukee that the company has settled with the Government for all taxes for the sum of $86,000.

There was a good demand for money during the early hours of business, but borrowers had no difficulty in supplying their wants at 5@6 ₱ cent. Toward the close there were liberal offerings at 4 ₱ cent. on stock collaterals. Some of the banks are still shipping currency to the South and South-west, but at the same time are receiving moderate amounts from their correspondents in the West. The outward movement is less important than of late, however. The local demand for money, as usual during December, has shown an increase of late, but the banks are fully prepared to meet the enlarged wants of borrowers, and the annual settlements, from present appearances, will be made without any serious disturbance to the market. In discounts, prime mercantile paper is still quoted at 6@8 ₱ cent. The amount of national bank notes received at Washington for redemption to-day was $200,000.

The foreign advices reported the withdrawal of £11,000 sterling from the Bank of England on balance to-day. The rate for money at the London Stock Exchange on Government securities is 2¼ ₱ cent. Consols were steady and United States bonds firm. Ten-forties advanced to 106¼ and closed at 106@106¼. The other changes were slight. To-morrow is fortnightly settling day at the Stock Exchange. The sterling exchange market was firm, business having been on the basis of $4 84¾@$4 85¼ for long and $4 88¾@$4 89¼ for demand bills. The nominal asking rates remain at $4 85½ and $4 89½. Gold was firm at 114⅝@114½, but the market lacked animation. The closing price was 114⅜—the same as yesterday. Gold loans were made flat and at 1@2 ₱ cent. interest for carrying.

Government bonds were strong and higher, the investment demand having been active throughout the day. Holders were firm, and in some issues an advance of ⅛@⅜ ₱ cent. took place. 1867s and 1868s, coupon, rose to 123, and new 5s, coupon, to 117⅛. In railroad mortgages the largest transactions were in Chicago and North-western consolidated coupon gold 7s, which opened at 85⅜, and subsequently advanced to 86, at which the last sales were made. Some round amounts changed hands. New-York Central coupon firsts advanced to 123, Harlem do. to 113¼, and Long Dock bonds to 102. Union Pacific sinking funds declined to 93, and Hannibal and St. Joseph convertible to 81½. State bonds were exceedingly dull and without important change, except for District of Columbia 3.65s, which advanced to 67¼.

The exports of domestic produce and miscellaneous goods for the week ending this date from the port of New-York are $6,540,980, against $6,541,813 for the corresponding week in 1874, and $5,375,915 in 1873. The total exports of produce from the port since Jan. 1 this year amount to $244,914,897, against $275,863,773 for the corresponding period in 1874, and $287,725,024 in 1873.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1875.

Gold receipts	$318,513 82
Gold payments	202,935 63
Gold balance	$2,861,180 39
Currency receipts	330,545 05
Currency payments	782,440 82
Currency balance	40,753,844 49
Customs	947,000 00

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—DEC. 14.

	Monday.	Tuesday.
American gold	114⅜	114⅜
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	117¼	117¼
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupon	120⅜	120⅜
Bills on London	$4 85@$4 85¼	$4 85@$4 85¼
New-York Central	105⅜	105⅜
Rock Island	104½	104⅝
Pacific Mail	40⅜	40½
St. Paul	36	35⅞
St. Paul Preferred	66	66
Lake Shore	61⅛	61⅛
North-western	39⅜	40⅛
North-western Preferred	56¼	56¼
Western Union	76⅛	76
Union Pacific	77	76⅛
Wabash	47⅛	47⅛
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	119⅞	119½
New Jersey Central	86	104⅜
Panama	125	125
Erie	16⅜	16½
Copper, bbls	17⅛	17
Ohio	17⅛	17
C. C. and Indiana Central	43⅛	41¼
Harlem	134	134¼

The extreme range of prices in stocks and the number of shares sold are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of Shares.
New-York Central	105⅜	105⅛	783
Harlem	134¼	134⅛	200
Erie	16⅜	16¼	110
Erie Preferred	33	32	26,400
Lake Shore	61⅛	60¾	300
Wabash	5	4⅞	10,300
North-western	40⅛	39½	920
North-western Preferred	56¼	55⅞	700
Rock Island	104⅝	104⅜	700
Chicago and Alton	97⅜	97¼	392
Milwaukee and St. Paul	35⅞	35⅛	1,500
Milwaukee and St. Paul Pref.	65¾	65¼	1,000
C., C., I. and R.	59¼	59¼	300
Del., Lack. and Western	119½	119½	200
Michigan Central	60¾	60⅛	1,200
Illinois Central	96	96	200
Union Pacific	76⅝	75¾	2,500
C., C. and Ind. Central	44	43¾	100
Hannibal and St. Joseph	21⅞	21½	900
Han. and St. Joseph Pref.	28	28	400
Ohio and Mississippi	17⅜	16⅞	3,700
Missouri Pacific	12⅛	11¾	950
Panama	125	125	300
Western Union	76¾	75⅝	22,800
Pacific Mail	40⅜	40⅛	6,900
Quicksilver	18⅜	18	400
Quicksilver Preferred	29⅜	29⅛	200
Iron Mountain	16	16	500
Canton	40	40	100
United States Express	55½	55½	150
Total sales			85,725

The following were the closing quotations of Government bonds:

United States Currency, 6s	122½
United States 6s, 1881, registered	119¼
United States 6s, 1881, coupons	124⅞
United States 5-20s, 1862, registered	115
United States 5-20s, 1862, coupons*	115
United States

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION—Dec. 14.

SENATE.

A large number of petitions for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the traffic in alcoholic liquor were presented by Messrs. Conkling, of New-York; Hamlin, of Maine; Frelinghuysen, of New-Jersey; Sargent, of California; Morrill, of Vermont; Morrill, of Maine; Howe, of Wisconsin, and others, all of which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS COURT.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back the Senate bill to extend the duration of the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, with several verbal amendments. He said it was desirable to have this bill passed by both Houses of Congress before the holiday recess. It merely provided for continuing the court six months, and did not touch the disputed question connected with that court. The bill was passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced to transfer the Indian trust funds to the Treasury of the United States; providing for the completion and location of the Naval Monument; to aid the Winnebago Indians of Wisconsin to obtain subsistence by agricultural pursuits, and to aid in their civilization; to amend the act granting pensions to soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812, and the widows of deceased soldiers, and to restore to the pension rolls the names of those persons stricken therefrom on account of disloyalty; granting pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the war with Mexico, and the widows of deceased soldiers; to regulate the pay of officers of the Navy; to amend section 10 of the Indian Appropriation bill, approved March 3, 1875, in regard to bonds of Indian agents; extending the time for the redemption of lands held by the United States under the several acts levying direct taxes; to repeal the last clause of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1874, relating to Customs, commerce, and navigation in the Territory of Alaska; for the relief of the officers of the Fourth and Fifth Indiana Regiments; to survey the Austin Topolovampo Pacific route railroads; for the relief of William G. Ford.

THE SOUTH PASS JETTY IMPROVEMENT.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting the report of Major C. B. Comstock upon the jetty improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi River, which gives a detailed technical description of the work accomplished up to last November. Secretary Belknap invites attention to the importance of an early appropriation by Congress to carry on explorations, surveys, and inspections required by the Jetty act of last year, and for which no means were provided by that law.

UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

The unfinished business being the resolution submitted by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, yesterday, in regard to the unsettled accounts of Government officers and defalcations, was called up, the pending question being the motion of Mr. Sherman to refer the resolution to the Committee on Finance, and it was agreed to. Yeas, 35; nays, 25.

THE M'MILLAN CREDENTIALS.

The Chair then laid before the Senate the motion submitted by the Senator from Louisiana, [Mr. West,] last week, to grant the request of W. L. McMillan to withdraw his papers claiming a seat in the Senate as a Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. SAULSBURY, of Delaware, said he had no particular objection to the withdrawal of these papers, but it seemed to him a rather strange proceeding, and he would like to know something of the reasons therefor.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, inquired whether the credentials of Mr. McMillan came to the Senate from the Governor of Louisiana according to law, or whether they had been submitted by Mr. McMillan himself.

The CHAIR [Mr. Ferry] replied that the credentials were presented by the Senator from Kentucky, [Mr. McCreery.]

Mr. EDMUNDS said he had no objection to their withdrawal.

Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio, said it was a matter of no consequence whether these credentials be withdrawn or not. Undoubtedly their withdrawal would put an end to the claim of Mr. McMillan for a seat in this body, but that would have no effect whatever on the claim of Mr. Pinchback for a seat. The committee of the Senate had reported that neither the body which elected Mr. Pinchback nor that which elected Mr. McMillan was the legal Legislature of the State.

Mr. DAVIS, of West Virginia, inquired if there were not two sets of credentials for Mr. McMillan.

The CHAIR replied that there were two sets—those presented by the Senator from Kentucky and others sent directly to the Senate.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, said there never was any such body as the McEnery Government. This whole McEnery Government was a sham and a fraud.

Mr. STEVENSON, of Kentucky, said in a personal aspect this matter amounted to very little; but the Senate should be very careful about fixing a precedent. He thought that when credentials properly authenticated by the Governor of a State were laid upon the table it became more than a personal matter, and the claimant had no right to withdraw them. He took issue with the Senator from Indiana [Mr. Morton] as to the McEnery Government being a fraud. He [Mr. Stevenson] believed it was the true Government of Louisiana, and the Kellogg Government a fraud, a bribery, and a corruption. The Committee on Privileges and Elections had reported to the Senate that the Kellogg Government was a fraud, and the record would show it. He argued that the Senate was estopped by the report of the committee from recognizing the Kellogg Government.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, denied that the Senate was estopped by the report of the committee. He would not consider himself estopped by the report of any committee.

Mr. WHYTE, of Maryland, said it occurred to him that the credentials of any person after once being placed in the custody of the Senate could not be withdrawn. They came to the Senate from a sovereign State, and it was the right of a State to lay before the Senate of the United States a certificate that she had exercised her sovereign power by electing a Senator of the United States, without reference to the question whether McEnery or Kellogg was elected Governor of Louisiana. He argued that Mr. McMillan had no right to come here and ask to withdraw his papers. He moved that the motion to grant the request to withdraw be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Rejected without a division.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, inquired in whose custody these credentials were to be delivered in case the Senate acceded to the request. They come from the State of Louisiana, and could not be delivered to Mr. McMillan. His object in the record to show that Mr. McMillan's credentials were also presented by Mr. West, and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, said he did not desire to raise the issue with any Senator on the other side as to the custody or value of these precious papers. Undoubtedly they came before the Senate in such a shape as to place them on the Journal and make them part of the record. He argued that it had always been the practice of the Senate to allow papers in regard to claims to be withdrawn. There were papers in regard to the foundation for a seat in the Senate. The man who preferred the claim had become sick of it and disgusted, and he [Mr. Howe] thought it was highly creditable to him. No injustice would be done by allowing the claim to be withdrawn, and he was in favor of it.

Mr. BAYARD said he believed in his soul that Mr. McEnery was the legal Governor of Louisiana and had been kept from his place by usurpation and Federal power. [Slight applause in the gallery, which was promptly checked.]

The question being on the motion of Mr. West to grant the request to withdraw the credentials, it was agreed to, yeas 30, nays 28, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Boutwell, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Clayton, Conkling, Conover, Cragin, Edmunds, Ferry of Michigan, Frelinghuysen, Hamlin, Harvey, Hitchcock, Howe, Ingalls, McMillan, Morrill of Vermont, Morton, Paddock, Patterson, Robertson, Sargent, Sherman, Spencer, West, Windom, Wright—30.

NAYS—Messrs. Bayard, Bogy, Caperton, Cockrell, Cooper, Davis, Dawes, Eaton, English, Goldthwaite, Gordon, Johnston, Jones, Kelley, Kernan, Key, McCreery, McDonald, Merrimon, Norwood, Randolph, Ransom, Saulsbury, Stevenson, Thurman, Wallace, Whyte, Withers—28.

A CLAIM FOR DESTRUCTION OF A SHIP BY REBEL CRUISERS.

Mr. KERNAN, of New-York, presented a memorial of Theodore Boreman, late master of the ship Arcole, for innemnity for the loss of said ship out of the Geneva award, the ship having been destroyed on the highseas by the Confederate cruiser Tallahassee. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PENSION FOR MRS. GEN. THOMAS.

Mr. ROBERTSON, of South Carolina, presented the petition of Elizabeth B. Thomas, widow of the late Gen. Lorenzo Thomas, asking to be granted a pension. Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A WAR CLAIM.

Mr. WRIGHT, of Iowa, presented the memorial of Christopher S. Tucke asking compensation for property taken and destroyed by the United States Army in Ascension Parish, La., in 1863. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

THE FOX RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. WINDOM, of Minnesota, presented a memorial of citizens of Wisconsin for an appropriation for the completion of the Fox River improvement and for the construction of a canal along the bank of the Wisconsin River from Portage City, Wis., to the Mississippi River. Referred to the Committee on Transportation Routes.

A NATIONAL GARDEN OF FLORA.

Mr. JONES, of Florida, presented a memorial of the Florida Fruit Growers' Association, asking the location of a national garden for the concentration and perfection of tropical and semi-tropical flora in that State. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Senate then, at 1:40, on motion of Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, proceeded to the consideration of Executive business.

At 2:15 the doors reopened, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The SPEAKER proceeded to call the States for bills and resolutions, under which call bills, &c., were introduced and referred as follows:

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

By Mr. BLAINE, of Maine—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing that no State shall make any law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and that no money raised by taxation in any State for the support of public schools, or derived from any public fund therefor, or any public lands devoted thereto, shall ever be under the control of any religious sect, and that no money or lands so devoted shall be divided among religious sects or denominations.

OTHER BILLS.

By Mr. HALE, of Maine—To provide for United States vessels hailing from places where they are owned.

By Mr. EAMES, of Rhode Island—To reduce postage by providing that after March 1, 1876, postage shall be charged on domestic mailable matter of the first class, embracing all correspondence, wholly or in part in writing, except book manuscript and corrected proof-sheets passing between authors and publishers, and including home or drop letters at the uniform rate of one cent for each half ounce or fraction thereof.

By Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut—To extend the duration of the Commission on the Alabama Claims.

By Mr. MONROE, of Ohio—To amend the act creating the Alabama Commission.

By Mr. CHITTENDEN, of New-York—To fund the United States legal-tender notes and to prepare the way for resumption of specie payments as soon as practicable, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell for legal-tender notes, which are to be immediately canceled and destroyed, 3,000,000 in four and one-half per cent. twenty-year bonds on the first Tuesday of every month.

By Mr. BLISS, of New-York—To provide for the sale or exchange of part of the Brooklyn Navy-yard property.

By Mr. ELY, of New-York—Directing the Secretary of War to transmit copies of the orders and instructions under which Quartermaster General Meigs is acting for the Government during his absence from the United States.

By Mr. WILLIS, of New-York—For the improvement of Harlem River between Ward's Island and the Hudson.

By Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing that after the next Presidential election the President of the United States shall hold his office for six years, and that neither the President, nor the Vice President when the office of President devolves upon him, shall be eligible to re-election.

By Mr. TOWNSEND, of Pennsylvania—To abolish stamps on bank checks. Also, to fix the rates of Postage on third-class matter.

By Mr. O'BRIEN, of Maryland—Calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to when the Internal Revenue Bureau may be absorbed by the bureau under the charge of the Commissioner of Customs.

By Mr. DOUGLASS, of Virginia—To limit the sinking fund of the District of Columbia, as provided under the act of June 20, 1874. Also, to reopen and settle the claims of States against the United States for advances made during the war of 1812. Also to establish a port of entry and delivery at West Point, Va.

By Mr. FELTON, of Georgia—To prescribe and establish a form of oath or affirmation to be taken by members of Congress.

By Mr. DARRELL, of Louisiana—To amend the act of the 3d of March, 1871, incorporating the Texas Pacific Railroad Company.

By Mr. MOREY, of Louisiana—To remove political disabilities from all citizens of the United States, and to prescribe an oath of office.

By Mr. SCUDDARD, of Ohio—To repeal the act of Jan. 14, 1875, for the resumption of specie payments.

By Mr. JONES, of Kentucky—A bill for the same purpose.

By Mr. BRIGHT, of Tennessee—A bill for the same purpose. Also a bill to restore the franking privilege for the *Congressional Record* and public documents.

By Mr. DAVIS, of North Carolina—To repeal the law forbidding payment of accounts, claims and demands of Southern citizens for quarter-master's stores, &c., and appropriating $500,000 to pay for the same.

By Mr. WHITTHORNE, of Tennessee—To modify the tax on tobacco; also, to pay the claims of certain mail contractors in Tennessee.

By Mr. THORNBURGH, of Tennessee—To equalize soldiers' bounties.

By Mr. LANDERS, of Indiana—Relative to the repeal of the resumption act of 14th January, 1875.

By Mr. BAKER, of Indiana—Relative to mileage of members of Congress; also, against subsidies and the grant of land to railroads.

By Mr. CASON, of Indiana—To amend the law respecting third-class mailable matter; also, in relation to counties; also, to extend the time for filing claims for additional bounties.

By Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana—To repeal the act for the resumption of specie payment; also, to repeal the Bankrupt law; also, to equalize soldiers' bounties.

By Mr. FARWELL, of Illinois—For the resumption of specie payments.

WOUNDED UNION SOLDIERS AS OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. FORT, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, and demanded the previous question on its adoption.

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That in all subordinate appointments under any of the officers of this House, it is the judgment of the House that wounded Union soldiers who are not disabled from the performance of duty should be preferred.

A standing vote on seconding the previous question, showed 97 Republicans voting in its favor, and 104 Democrats against it.

The vote was then taken by tellers with the like general result, the report of the tellers being yeas 99, nays 126. So the previous question was not seconded.

Mr. COX, of New-York, then offered the following, as an amendment to the resolution, and moved the reference of both resolutions to the Committee on Accounts, and demanded the previous question.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the union of the States has been restored, all the citizens thereof are entitled to consideration in appointment to offices under this Government.

Mr. HALE, of Maine, inquired whether Mr. Cox's resolution was offered as a substitute to Mr. Fort's.

The SPEAKER replied he understood it to be offered as an amendment.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut, made the objection that as the State of New-York had been already called the gentleman (Mr. Cox) could not put in a resolution now.

The SPEAKER ruled that it was too late to make the objection.

Mr. FORT said that he had tried to make the objection as soon as the resolution was offered.

Mr. HALE, of Maine, inquired whether the House had acted on the amendment.

The SPEAKER—It has not. That would be acting on the subject matter of the resolution now, which is not the purpose of the gentleman from New-York. His purpose is to refer both resolutions to a committee.

Mr. COX—The original resolution was an *ad captandum* affair. My resolution is in the nature of an amnesty. [Laughter.]

Mr. REAGAN, of Texas, made a point of order that neither the original resolution nor the amendment was in order. Neither of them proposed anything which the House was authorized or required by law to do.

The SPEAKER overruled the point of order, stating that if it was ever tenable it came too late.

The vote was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas, 168; nays, 102, (a strict party vote.) So both resolutions were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS RESUMED.

The call of the States was resumed, and bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. HARRISON, of Illinois—To amend the Constitution by fixing one term for the President, and making him ineligible for future election, but making him a Senator for life from the United States at large at the expiration of his office as President.

By Mr. SPRINGER, of Illinois—A resolution directing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of reducing the regular Army to 10,000 men, or to such number as will insure an efficient public service at an expense not exceeding $20,000,000 yearly. Adopted.

By Mr. MORRISON, of Illinois—To amend the Constitution by fixing the Presidential term at six years, and making the President ineligible in any term of twelve years.

By Mr. SPARKS, of Illinois—Authorizing the payment of import duties in legal-tender notes.

By Mr. CAMPBELL, of Illinois—To provide a national currency, and for the collection and disbursement of the public revenue.

By Mr. WELLS, of Missouri—To establish a mint in St. Louis for the coinage of gold and silver.

By Mr. STONE, of Missouri—To establish a department of commerce; also various concurrent resolutions of the Missouri Legislature.

By Mr. DEBOLT, of Missouri—Establishing rates of postage on third-class matter; also to regulate the tax on dealers in and producers of tobacco; also granting indemnity to States for swamp lands sold by the United States.

By Mr. REA, of Missouri—To amend existing revenue laws.

By Mr. BUCKNER, of Missouri—Granting legal tities to all New-Madrid locations in Missouri.

THE REMOVAL OF HENDERSON IN ST. LOUIS.

He also offered the following resolution, which he asked to be put on its passage:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to transmit to the House all correspondence in reference to the dismissal of ex-Senator John B. Henderson, of Missouri, as one of the special counsel of the United States in the prosecution of whisky fraud cases before the United States Court at St. Louis.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, suggested that the words "if not incompatible with the public interests" be inserted in the resolution. Voices on the Democratic side, "No, no."

Mr. BUCKNER declined so to modify the resolution.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, made the point of order, that, under the rules, resolutions calling for Executive information, when objected to, must lie over one day.

The SPEAKER sustained the point of order, and the resolution went over.

FURTHER INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Bills were further introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. CONGER, of Michigan—To revise, amend, and consolidate the laws relating to the security and property on steam vessels.

By Mr. WALDRON, of Michigan—For appropriation for Michigan Ship Canal; also, to admit gilling twine free of duty.

By Mr. W. B. WILLIAMS, of Michigan—To amend act relating to reports of railroad companies.

By Mr. HUBBELL, of Michigan—To divide the State of Michigan into three judicial districts, and to establish the Northern District of Michigan.

By Mr. HANCOCK, of Texas—To amend the act granting pensions for the War of 1812, and to restore to the pension list the names of persons stricken therefrom on account of disloyalty.

By Mr. MCCRARY, of Iowa—Concerning international arbitrations; also, proposing an amendment to the Constitution.

REGULATION OF INTER-STATE RAILROADS.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the duty of Congress to regulate inter-State railroads by appropriate legislation, so that the agricultural, commercial, and other industrial interests of the country may be protected from extortion and discrimination.

Objection being made, the resolution went over for one day.

The previous question was not seconded and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

DECIMAL WEIGHTS, MEASURES, AND COINS.

Mr. OLIVER, of Missouri, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Coinage to inquire what proceeding should be taken on the part of the United States with a view to the establishment of a uniform decimal of weights, measures, and coins throughout the civilized world. Referred.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were further introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. KIMBALL, of Wisconsin—For the construction of a pontoon bridge across the Mississippi River between Buffalo County, Wis., and Winona County, Minn.

By Mr. LUTTRELL, of California—For the sale of desert lands in two counties of California. Also, to remove all internal revenue taxes from brandy made of apples, peaches, grape, or fruit. Also, for the payment of import duties one-half in legal-tender notes or national bank notes; also, repealing the duties on grain sacks and bagging used for grain, on cotton and wool, and on burlaps and gunny cloth; also, for the sale and pre-emption of the grazing lands in California; also, for the improvement of harbors at Humboldt Bay and Crescent City, Cal.

By Mr. PIPER, of California—For the construction of a Post Office building at San Francisco, Cal; also, for the reimbursement of California, Oregon, and Nevada for expenses incurred during the late rebellion; also, for the transfer of Indian affairs from the Interior Department to the War Department.

By Mr. WIGGINTON, of California—For the improvement of the harbors of San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Wilmington, Cal.

By Mr. PAGE, of California—To forfeit certain public lands granted for railroad purposes from Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast; also, for the sale of lumber lands in California, Oregon, and Washington Territory; also, relating to placer mining on public lands in California.

By Mr. DUNNELL, of Minnesota—To amend the act relating to naturalization.

By Mr. LANE, of Oregon—To indemnify Oregon for expenses incurred in suppressing Indian hostilities in 1872-3; also, for the construction of a canal at Cascades of Columbia River, Oregon.

By Mr. PHILLIPS, of Kansas—For the equalization of bounties; also, to amend Pacific Railroad acts; also, to confirm pre-emptions within limits of railroad grants; also, to define and limit claims of certain railroad companies to certain land grants; also, to provide for Government buildings in Leavenworth City.

By Mr. BROWN, of Kansas—For sale of Kansas Indian lands in Kansas to actual settlers.

By Mr. WILSON, of West Virginia—To repeal act prohibiting payment for Quartermaster stores taken during the late war; also a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish the names of all persons or officers whose accounts have not been settled or who have become defaulting to the Government since March, 1865. Laid over under the rules.

By Mr. FAULKNER, of West Virginia—For holding United States District Court at Martinsburg, West Va.; also, a resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of repealing all provisions of law that allow United States District Attorneys extra fees and compensation for professional services.

By Mr. CROUNSE, of Nebraska—For settlement of lands of the Fort Kearney Military Reservation in Nebraska; also, for a branch mint in Omaha; also, for the construction of a pontoon railway bridge across the Mississippi River.

By Mr. CANNON, of Utah—Relating to approval of bills in Utah; also to enable the people of Utah to form a constitution and State Government, and to admit Utah into the Union as a State.

By Mr. STEELE, of Wyoming—For the election of Governors and Territoral officers by the people; also for a military road to the Wyoming National Park.

By Mr. HARRIS, of Virginia—To aid the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company to construct a narrow-gauge railroad from tide-water to St. Louis and Chicago.

By Mr. HOSKINS, of New-York—To encourage the production of new and valuable fruits and plants.

By Mr. MCDOUGALL, of New-York—Relating to appointments and promotions in the Pay Department of the Army.

By Mr. HARRIS, of Massachusetts—To provide compensation to the owners of certain lands ceded by the United States to Great Britain under the treaty of July 9, 1842.

By Mr. PACKER, of Pennsylvania—To define the postal revenues on which commissions to Postmasters shall be allowed; also, to regulate the manner of bidding for and awarding mail contracts; also, to reduce the rate of postage on mailable matter of the third class.

By Mr. PAYNE, of Ohio—Resolutions calling for the report of Lieut. Maynard and other information on the Alaska seal fisheries. Agreed to.

By Mr. ELLIOTT, of South Carolina—Resolutions relative to the peddling of spirituous liquors within the limits of South Carolina.

By Mr. HUNTON, of West Virginia, and Mr. DOUGLASS, of Virginia—Removing the political disabilities of Samuel Cooper, Jr., and Robert Tansell, of Virginia. Passed.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented as follows:

By Mr. WARD, of New-York—Petition of Mrs. Martha E. Fitz, of St. Louis, for reimbursement for cotton taken by the United States, and for damages for the abduction of her slaves.

By Mr. COX, of New-York—Memorial of the New-York Chamber of Commerce for a signal station on Block Island, to be connected with the main shore by telegraphic cable; also, a memorial of the Centennial Commissioners.

By Mr. SAYLER, of Ohio—A memorial of the City Council of Cincinnati in reference to the Centennial.

THE WHISKY PROSECUTIONS.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit copies of all letters, telegrams, orders, and instructions relating to the organization and prosecution of the present movement against Whisky Rings at St. Louis, Chicago, and Milwaukee.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, objected to the present consideration of the resolution, and asked that, under the rule, it lie over for one day. He wished to see that it was carefully worded.

Mr. RANDALL asked him whether he objected to the resolution.

Mr. KASSON replied that he made no objection to anything that was consistent with the successful prosecution of the pending proceedings.

Mr. RANDALL said that the object of the resolution was to have the House fully informed of what was being done in the matter by the Government.

Mr. HOAR, of Massachusetts, intimated that the effect of it would be to expose to the Whisky Rings the purposes of the Government.

Mr. RANDALL replied that the resolution contemplated no such purpose. The resolution then went over till to-morrow.

Mr. RANDALL presented a very numerously-signed petition for the repeal of the check stamp act.

REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

The SPEAKER appointed as Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, Messrs. Clymer, of Pennsylvania; Hill, of Georgia, and McCrary, of Iowa.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS COURT.

The Senate bill extending the duration of the Alabama Commission was taken up and passed.

The House then at 3:10 adjourned till to-morrow.

THE TROUBLES OF AN AGED COUPLE.

An aged couple appeared yesterday at Castle Garden and told a pitiful tale to Mr. Jackson, the Secretary to the Emigration Commissioners. Their names are James Hughes, aged sixty, and his wife Agnes, aged fifty-nine years. About two months ago they were induced by false representations made to them by their daughter, who lives near New-Brunswick, N. J., to leave their home in Glasgow and to come to this country, expecting to live with their daughter, who represented to them that she was "well married" and in good circumstances. The daughter never intended that her parents should leave home, and never expected that they would do so. They came here, however, and going to the address given by her found, as they say, that she was "well married" to a full-blooded negro. The old couple are now imploring Mr. Jackson to send them back to Glasgow. They have no money and no friends. Mr. Jackson said he would have the woman sent back free, but that the old man would be required to pay half fare to Glasgow.

"GETTING EVEN."

On Monday night last, while Officer Butcher, of the Sixteenth Precinct, was passing along Eighth avenue, near Twenty-fifth street, his attention was arrested by a sudden crash of glass. He immediately saw that the show-windows of J. Sulsburger's dry goods store, No. 291 Eighth avenue, had been smashed by several young men, who were running away. The officer pursued them and captured four, who were yesterday arraigned before Justice Kasmire at the Washington Place Police Court. At the latter place, a clerk of Mr. Sulsburger identified one of the young fellows as one John Murphy, whom he had detected in the act of throwing a stone at the window. There being no evidence against the other three, they were discharged, while Murphy was put under $300 bonds to keep the peace for six months. It was subsequently ascertained from Officer Butcher that the prisoner was one of about fifteen members of the Dry Goods Clerks' Early Closing Association, who on the night of the arrest had broken the plate-glass windows of the complainant's store because he had refused to comply with the rules of the organization.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

CITY LEGISLATION.

THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION—HOW IT WAS CREATED — ITS LONG-DEFERRED APPOINTMENT.

Section 9 of article 8 of the State Constitution is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide for the organization of cities and incorporated villages, and to restrict their powers of taxation, assessment, borrowing money, contracting debts, and loaning their credit, so as to prevent abuses in assessments and in contracting debt by such municipal corporations."

The present population of the cities and incorporated villages of the State is about 2,500,000, the property valuation $1,750,000,000, the aggregate local taxation $40,000,000, the county and State taxation $15,000,000, and the aggregate debt nearly $200,000,000, the taxation averaging about $25 per head, and the debt over $75.

Gov. Tilden, in a special Message, on the 11th of last May, recommended the appointment of a commission to report to the next Legislature the forms of such laws or constitutional amendments as might be required to correct the abuses connected with municipal legislation in this State, and on the 22d of the same month the following act was passed by the Senate and Assembly:

Whereas, The Governor, in his special Message of May 11, 1875, called the attention of the Legislature to the evils arising from our present unstable municipal systems, and the necessity of adopting a permanent and uniform plan for the government of the cities of the State; therefore

Resolved, (if the Assembly concur,) That the Governor be and hereby is authorized to appoint a commission of not more than twelve persons, whose duty it shall be to consider the subject referred to in the said Message; to devise a plan for the government of cities, and report the same to the next Legislature.

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means report a suitable appropriation to defray the actual expenses of the commission, to be audited by the Controller, provided that the commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

On the same day, the present Senate Investigating Committee, which has so long been at work, was appointed.

After six months' delay, Gov. Tilden appointed the commission, and it is to meet to-day to organize; but the private duties of its members are so urgent and exacting, and the time is so brief, that it is more than doubtful whether it can present its conclusions for the action of the incoming Legislature; and if it cannot its action will be of no effect, as the law creating it requires it to report "to the next Legislature."

THE CITY'S HEALTH.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PLUMBING ARRANGEMENTS OF DWELLING-HOUSES — THE MORTALITY RECORD.

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday Dr. Day, the Sanitary Superintendent, presented the following report:

I beg respectfully to return the communication from the Department of Buildings referred to me by the board at its meeting Dec. 7, 1875, with the following remarks: Excepting the care of contagious diseases, the most useful work of the Health Department still is the inspection of house plumbing and drainage. The inspectors, with all their experience, find often the greatest difficulty in determining the existence of traps and the location of house drains. It is indisputable that much disease and many deaths are due to defects in that part of the house which should be safe beyond a peradventure. These defects, difficult of detection, and expensive to correct in a house already built, can be readily avoided at an inconsiderable outlay during the construction of the building. I would most respectfully propose that the Department of Buildings be requested to insist, in accepting a specification, upon the following particulars, viz:

First—That the iron soil-pipe and the waste-pipe be extended through the roof for two feet, at their maximum calibres, and that the waste-pipe be independent of the soil-pipe.

Second—That every basin, sink, and bath-tub be properly trapped.

Third—That the pipe connections be lead-calked or otherwise securely sealed.

Fourth—That the location and direction of the house-drain be accurately indicated by a diagram with measurements, or by measurements from walls or other permanent landmarks, so that it may be readily reached when necessary.

Fifth—That the department forbid the use of brick drains or wooden, as substitutes for pipe drains, and that separate sewer connection be required when practicable; and

Sixth—That the house-drain be trapped under the area, or near the cellar wall, in addition to all other traps whatsoever.

The report was accepted and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Sanitary Superintendent upon the communication from the Department of Buildings in respect to plans and specifications for plumbing in new buildings, be and is hereby accepted and approved, and that the Department of Buildings be respectfully requested to carry out and enforce the recommendations contained therein, in case the same meet the approval of that department.

The following was received from Dr. Harris' Register of Vital Statistics:

"There were 539 deaths reported in this City during the week ending on Saturday, the 11th inst., against the 503 verified for the previous week. The increase is found in the mortality of old age. From various diseases, 49; in deaths from phthisis, 88; bronchitis and pneumonia, 84, and puerperal diseases, 13; 94 more deaths having been reported under these heads in the last than in the previous week. There was a decrease in the number of deaths of children under five years of age, and only 13 deaths were caused by diarrhœal diseases. The fatality of dipatheria decreased so that only 37 deaths from this cause were reported, against 71 reported in the previous week.

The mean temperature was at 36° Fahrenheit in the Central Park, or 1.6° warmer than in the previous week. The alternations of temperature last week ranged from 29° to 42°, and in the previous week from 5° to 46°.

The death rate was equal to 24.76 in the 1,000 inhabitants per annum in week ending Dec. 4, and last week the reported deaths gave a rate of 26.43 in the 1,000. Some other cities in this country report higher death rates than these, but the immense influx of homeless poor and the shelterless in New-York increases the mortality in public institutions. In the last four weeks there have been 346 deaths reported in the public charities, and 97 of the dead over 17 years of age, have been consigned to pauper burial on Hart's Island."

Dr. Day reported the following comparative statement of contagious diseases for the past two weeks:

Week ending Dec. 4, typhus fever, 0; typhoid fever, 33; scarlet fever, 46; cerebro spinal meningitis, 1; measles, 29; diphtheria, 127; small-pox, 39.

Week ending Dec. 11, typhus fever, 0; typhoid fever, 17; scarlet fever, 47; cerebro spinal meningitis, 2; measles, 30; diphtheria, 144; small-pox, 40.

THE BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

In the Board of Apportionment yesterday a communication was received from the Commissioners of Charities requesting an appropriation of $20,000 for the relief of the outdoor blind. Mr. Wolf, who appeared at a previous meeting in behalf of the adult blind of this City, urged their claims, and said that the law authorizing the board to furnish them relief provided that any unexpended balance to the credit of a department should be used for the purpose. The matter was then referred to the Controller. A communication was received from the Fire Department requesting the board to transfer a balance of $5,000 from the fund to their credit in 1874 to the account for the repairs and construction of buildings of the department of Public Works in 1876. Controller Green said the resolution should not be adopted. The Fire Department had a fund to repair their own buildings, and it ought not to be taken from them and given to the Department of Public Works. He thought some competent person should be put in that department, especially as its expenditures amounted to millions of dollars. The resolution was then adopted, Mr. Green voting in the negative. The sum of $5,000 was transferred from the Fire Department fund for 1874 to the account for repairs to hydrants for 1876, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works. A communication was received from the Commissioners of the Third District Court-house requesting the board to make an appropriation for their salaries. It was laid over. The board then adjourned.

HOME FOR THE AGED.

The celebration of the third anniversary of the Home for Old Men and Aged Couples, No. 487 Hudson street, was yesterday made the occasion of a series of pleasant exercises, consisting of singing by the choir of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Trinity Chapel, and addresses by the Trustees of the Home and others. The exercises were concluded by an inspection of the Home. The third annual report of the Trustees gives the expenses for the year as $5,939 53, and the receipts from subscriptions and other sources as $5,977 16. Although the permanent fund of the Home has increased during the past year, the fact that this resource can only be drawn upon for building or furnishing purposes, still renders the institution entirely dependent upon voluntary charity for the means to sustain and prosecute its commendable work.

TRAVEL BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND WASHINGTON.

An important change in the running of the through trains between Washington and this City, via the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroads, went into effect on Monday. Since the settlement of the railroad war there have been four trains run each way, those from Washington starting from the depots of the two roads in that city and Baltimore at the same time. On reaching Bayview Junction, a few miles outside the city limits, the cars of each company were combined into one train, and thus mixed proceeded to New-York. Trains from this City for Baltimore and Washington were divided at Bayview Junction, the cars of the Pennsylvania Company proceeding on via the Union and Baltimore and Potomac Roads, and those of the Baltimore and Ohio via the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore and the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio. This arrangement was the cause of inconvenience and delay to the passengers. One portion of the mixed train would frequently have to wait at Bayview, and then it would take about fifteen minutes besides to effect the combination. The matter has been satisfactorily arranged now by the officials of the roads in question, and the following rules in regard to through trains have been adopted: The Baltimore and Ohio Road now has one solid train each way between Washington and New-York; that is to say, the train runs through without stoppage at Bayview. The train from Washington is the first that leaves there for New-York, the hour of its departure being 8 A. M. It starts from the President Street Depot of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Road at 9:35 A. M. The solid Baltimore and Ohio train from New-York leaves at 8:35 A. M. and Baltimore at 4:10 P. M. To each of these trains a parlor car is attached. The solid train of the Pennsylvania Company is the "Limited Express," consisting of parlor cars, and leaves Washington at 9:23 A. M., and the Union Depot, Baltimore, at 10:35 A. M. The solid Pennsylvania train from New-York is also the "Limited Express," and leaves at 9:30 A. M. and Baltimore at 2:55 P. M. In addition to these trains there are each way two mixed trains, or those in which the cars of both companies combine at Bayview Junction.

THE ROBBERS' RECORD.

THE WORK OF BURGLARS AND SNEAK THIEVES.

The store of A. Simonson, dealer in human hair, on the second floor of the premises No. 863 Broadway, was visited by burglars some time between Saturday evening and Monday morning last, and robbed of property valued at upward of $2,500. The place was closed on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, and the robbery was not discovered until 8 o'clock on Monday morning, when Mr. Simonson arrived and opened the store. Capt. Steers, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, was at once notified, and proceeded to make an investigation. It was apparent that the burglars had entered through the front hall door, which was fastened with a patent night-latch, and which they unlocked with a duplicate key. On ascending to the second floor the burglars forced their way into a closet, the door of which was fastened with a common spring lock, and by breaking through a window made their way into the store of Mr. Simonson. It was evident that the objective point of the burglars was the store on the first floor, to which they attempted to gain access by boring through the planks forming the flooring of the second story of the building, with a view of removing a section of this flooring, leaving an aperture sufficiently large to lower themselves through to the ground floor. This project was, however, abandoned after a number of holes had been bored in the floor. The burglars then overhauled the stock in Mr. Simonson's store and selected about seventy-four pounds of raw and prepared human hair, fifty long braids, and six dozen short braids, valued in all at $2,549, which they made up into bundles and carried away, making their escape without discovery or molestation. The operations of the burglars must have been conducted very quietly, as the people living on the upper floors of the building state that they did not hear any noise except on Sunday afternoon when they heard some persons talking in the store, but they supposed that the proprietor was there. The burglars left behind them a coil of rope, a brace and bit, and two pieces of table oil-cloth. No clue to their identity or to the whereabouts of the goods has been obtained by the Police.

On Monday morning, Mr. Felix J. Rosenberg, dry-goods dealer, on the second floor of No. 62 Church street, reported to Capt. Sanders, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, that his store had been robbed of $1,000 worth of goods in

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WITH SUPPLEMENT.

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—PIQUE—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. D. H. Harkins, Miss Fanny Davenport.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—BOSOM FRIENDS—Mr. H. J. Montague, Mr. John Gilbert, Miss Ada Dyas.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—ROSE MICHEL—Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., John Parselle, Miss Rose Eytinge.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—THE CONNIE SOOGAR—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—HOME—A REGULAR FIX—Mr. Lester Wallack.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—LA DAME AUX CAMELLIAS—Mr. Charles Fechter.

HITCHCOCK'S THIRD AVENUE THEATRE.—VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

EAGLE THEATRE.—SONGS, DANCES, DRAMA, FARCE—Mr. Josh Hart.

TWENTY-THIRD STREET THEATRE—THE FLATTERER—VARIETIES.

PARK THEATRE.—THE MIGHTY DOLLAR—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—BURLESQUE, SONGS, and NEGRO COMICALITIES—Birch, Wambold, Backus.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—LOHENGRIN, (German Opera)—Mr. Theodore Wachtel, Mrs. Wagner.

STEINWAY HALL.—TESTIMONIAL CONCERT—Mrs. Emily Buttman, Mr. C. Fritsch, Mr. A. H. Pease.

GILMORE'S GARDEN.—HEBREW CHARITY FAIR in aid of Mt. Sinai Hospital.

COLOSSEUM.—GRAND SPECTACLE DIORAMA of the Prussian Siege of Paris. Afternoon and evening.

TONY PASTOR'S NEW THEATRE.—NOVELTY AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT—Tony Pastor.

PARISIAN VARIETIES.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT.

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ADVERTISEMENTS RECEIVED UNTIL 9 P. M.

People who think that the financial question is not a "live" one, will do well to glance over the list of bills presented to the House of Representatives yesterday. Some dozen of these related to specie payments, directly or indirectly. Mr. CHITTENDEN, of this State, takes the bull by the horns by proposing that $3,000,000 of twenty-year four and a half per cent. bonds shall be sold each month for legal tenders, the latter to be immediately canceled and destroyed. Mr. CHITTENDEN is a merchant of many years' experience and very extensive business, and whatever suggestion he makes in regard to the finances has at least the merit of being matured with unusual knowledge of what the business of the country requires. We believe that this is the first unvarnished proposition to directly reduce the volume of the legal tenders made since 1868, when Secretary MCCULLOCH's policy was overturned. The other propositions made in the House yesterday were, with one exception, opposed to resumption. Eight Democrats—SOUTHARD, of Ohio; JONES, of Kentucky; BRIGHT, of Tennessee, and HOLMAN, of Indiana, with four others—proposed to repeal the act of 1875, and to repudiate the pledge to resume in 1879. Still others proposed the collection of Customs duties in paper. It will thus be seen that the Democrats have learned no wisdom by the elections of last Fall. They will probably have to be beaten as many times on this issue as they were on the slavery and secession issues, before they will give up their heresies.

Mr. BLAINE introduced in the House yesterday his amendment to the United States Constitution, which is in substance the same as that recommended in the President's Message. It provides that no State shall make any law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and that no money raised by taxation in any State for the support of public schools or derived from any public fund therefor, or any public lands devoted thereto, shall ever be under the control of any religious sect, and that no money or lands so devoted shall be divided among religious sects or denominations. We do not suppose that either Mr. BLAINE or the President expects that this measure will receive the necessary two-thirds vote, or even a majority, from the House, which is engaged in quite another direction. Yesterday four or five amendments to the Constitution were submitted, proposing to extend the Presidential term to six years, and to make each incumbent ineligible at the close of that period. This is just now a favorite Democratic idea, but its introduction in the present Congress is for buncombe solely.

The Harwich jury, impaneled, to find out the cause of death of the bodies recovered from the wreck of the *Deutschland*, have included in their verdict some reflections upon the cause of that disaster. The weather was such that the Captain had no opportunity to verify his reckoning by the ordinary methods, and the jury are therefore unable to find him guilty of criminal negligence. But then, the vessel did not carry "the best known appliances for ascertaining the distance traversed," her boat-lowering apparatus was not of the best, and she did not carry an experienced pilot. The findings certainly involve a very decided censure upon the company, whose responsibility for the wreck will probably be more clearly defined after the Board of Trade inquiry has been concluded.

Mr. BRIGHT, a Democratic member from Tennessee, has the unenviable honor of being the first man to move for the revival of the franking nuisance. His bill, introduced in the House yesterday, proposes to give free transmission through the mails to public documents and the *Congressional Record* only. But everybody knows just what that means. It is free printed matter, not free letter carriage, that has burdened the mails, strained the resources of the postal service, and compelled the regular business of the country to be heavily taxed for mail expenses. But most of the members on the Democratic side of the House are new to Washington, and it is not surprising that many of them long for the sweets of the franking privilege. As for this particular champion of an old abuse, he was in the late Congress, and ought to know what sort of a reception was given to similar propositions last Winter.

It was both a blunder and a fault in the Democrats to propose, as they did in the House yesterday, that all the papers and letters relating to the prosecution of the whisky frauds in the West should be laid before the House. A compliance with the request might be a serious interference with the course of justice, and the country will hardly rely on the House to do better than the Government's legal officers are doing in this business.

The United States Senate yesterday gave another illustration of how much time it can consume on a question of very little importance to any one and of none to the country. It spent most of the day's session discussing whether a man who once applied for admission as a Senator should have his papers returned to him, he no longer wishing to urge his claim, and the pretended government which gave him his credentials having dissolved of its own accord and no longer existing even in name. The gentleman referred to was Mr. MCMILLAN, of Louisiana. A number of Democrats opposed the withdrawal of the papers. Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, was especially solemn about the matter. He believed "in his soul" that MCENERY was the true Governor of Louisiana to-day. The Democrats regarded the now worthless papers as in some way or other a sacred symbol of State sovereignty, and they were not willing to give them up. The Senate, however, finally voted to let Mr. MCMILLAN have them—Mr. DAWES, alone of the Republicans, voting with the Democrats, which was a harmless but inexplicable piece of eccentricity on the part of Mr. SUMNER's successor.

A "SECRET HISTORY."

It is now said, by persons who profess to be well informed, that TWEED has not made his flight to a foreign country, but is still within easy reach of New-York, and that he proposes to offer a compromise of the claims against him, and to divulge the secret history of the Tammany Ring. He will give up the names of all who shared in the plunder, and expose the men who worked with him and for him in the days of his power, and who turned upon him so relentlessly after his downfall.

This would be a very curious narrative, and there are many who now live in "brown-stone houses," and who hold their heads up very high, who would go in fear and trembling, and spend a very anxious Christmas, if they believed that TWEED really meant to carry out the purpose ascribed to him. When we remember the men who were TWEED's advocates and supporters in his palmy days, and look round on those who now call most loudly for his punishment, we are rather amused to find that they are one and the same. "Why does not THE TIMES say more about that old rascal, TWEED?" we were asked the other day. "It does not 'pitch into' him half enough of late." The force of this remonstrance was rather weakened by our happening to recollect that the inquirer was one of TWEED's numerous supporters in the heyday of his power. The amount of virtuous indignation which these gentry exhibit when the name of TWEED is mentioned is astonishing. We had no idea that there was so much good in the world. It would have saved us a great deal of trouble if we could have brought some of it out in 1870, when we were left single-handed to fight against the Tammany Ring, when SAMUEL J. TILDEN was conniving at all its schemes, and when we were being literally pelted with law-suits in the courts, and "startling personal charges" in the newspapers.

We know something of the men who acted as the confederates of TWEED; but it is TWEED alone who can give the necessary proof of their complicity in the Ring frauds. Most men would have made a "clean breast" of it long ago, but TWEED has held his tongue. The consideration which he has shown for his accomplices or friends, they have taken care not to return. There was a story in the *Sun* yesterday about a "journalist" whom TWEED is said to have described as a man who had once levied black-mail upon him, and who now pursues him with great show of wrath. Is this a solitary case? We rather suspect not. How many lawyers are there about whom TWEED could reveal fatal secrets? How many large tax-payers gave him the benefit of their countenance and support in return for having their assessments reduced? Hundreds of persons in this City had a great load of fear taken from their minds when they heard that TWEED had escaped. Their one wish now is that he may never be heard of again.

Yet we must say that we hope that he will still be heard from, and at the very least that we shall get from him the promised "secret history." How many successful politicians, and how many who hope to become successful, would it—to borrow Mr. WILKESON's famous phrase—"knock higher than a kite"? We should not then have the small-fry of the Tammany Ring going before Grand Juries and asking for indictments against THE TIMES for libel. Could even Mr. TILDEN afford to have TWEED's story fully told? Mr. TILDEN is now Governor of this State, but in 1870 and 1871 he was Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and knew perfectly well what enormous amounts of money were being used in this State to control the elections. Where did he suppose that money came from? Did he fancy that, like *Topsy*, it "growed"? Mr. TILDEN has shown a great deal of shrewdness since, in ferreting out the disposal of some of the Ring plunder. Yet we are to suppose that he had not the slightest idea how TWEED's election funds were raised. Perhaps he thought that the bankrupt chair-maker had come into possession of a little private fortune. Mr. TILDEN also knew that not only were vast sums of money spent at election time, but that the ballot-boxes were opened and falsified after the votes were all in. He knew it then as well as we all know it now. Mr. GREELEY openly charged him with that knowledge—and, indeed, how could he possibly have been kept in ignorance on the subject? There is no man in the State who knows so well how many votes a district can fairly bring out—and when he saw that number multiplied ten or twenty fold, is it likely that he was in any doubt as to the means by which the result had been accomplished? How much did TWEED spend every year out of the stolen money, on elections, for the benefit of his party, while Mr. TILDEN was Chairman of the Democratic State Committee? Let TWEED tell the truth—the public will not be slow to draw its own conclusions from it. But there will be a great pressure brought to bear upon him to induce him to hold his peace. If Gov. TILDEN knew that a full and true story of the Tammany Ring, by TWEED, was to appear in THE TIMES next Saturday, we do not believe he would get much sleep on Friday night. Perhaps we shall see, some day, how much reason there is for this conjecture.

THE SUEZ CANAL PURCHASE.

The political aspects of the purchase by the British Government of 177,000 shares in the Suez Canal have naturally received a good deal more attention than the financial side of the operation. So far as the commerce of the world is concerned, the financial details of the bargain are of rather more importance than its political consequences. For it is in these that we shall find the key to the future management of the canal, the possibility of reducing its tolls, and the likelihood of its facilities for navigation being improved. At present the United States have no very direct interest in this branch of the subject, though it will be strange if our mercantile marine is not pretty extensively represented in the trade through the canal in the immediate future. We certainly begin by being very poorly represented. Only one vessel belonging to the United States passed through the canal in 1873, and as even Peru sent one, though of rather less tonnage, it is safe to assume that our interest in the canal must be an increasing one.

The most noticeable feature about the statistics of Suez Canal traffic is the rapidity of its increase. Starting in 1870 with an aggregate tonnage of 436,618, the number of vessels passing through the canal reached, in 1873, a tonnage of 2,085,270. Almost from the first, three-fourths of this trade was represented by British vessels. The canal toll is 10 francs, or about $2 gold, per ton, so that after making allowance for minor charges, it costs a 2,000-ton ship about $10,000 to make the double trip, through the canal and back. It may be remembered that M. DE LESSEPS attempted two years ago to increase these charges by substituting an arbitrary measurement for the ordinary net register tonnage. He only receded from his threat to close the canal unless his demands were granted, after the question had been fully discussed and decided against him by an International Commission. That commission allowed him to charge an additional three francs a ton for the use of sidings and other recently constructed adjuncts to the canal, but M. DE LESSEPS still professes to have a claim against the Egyptian Government for breach of contract in connection with this matter. As British shipowners are so largely interested in the canal, they are certain to rest content with nothing short of its entire acquisition by their Government. They have already begun to clamor for a reduction of tolls, and to point out the necessity of the canal management being relieved from the interference of M. DE LESSEPS and his associates.

That raises the question of how much the British Government will, probably at no distant day, have to expend on this purchase. To estimate this, it is necessary to find out what they have got for the four millions sterling already paid or promised to be paid. At market rates, the 400,000 shares of the company are worth eleven millions sterling, and had the British Government purchased its 177,000 shares in the open market, it would have had to pay at least five millions sterling for them. It should be remembered that the entire property reverts to the Egyptian Government after ninety-nine years, and that as the shares will bear no interest after that term expires, a sinking fund has been provided to redeem them at their par value of eight millions sterling. The latter amount represents what is called the debenture capital of the company. There are two peculiarities attaching to the shares just acquired by the British Government. One is that in 1870 the Khédive made the company a present of the interest coupons on these shares for twenty-five years, and that, therefore, Great Britain cannot participate in the profits of the company for the next twenty years. To compensate for that loss, the Khédive has guaranteed to pay interest at five per cent. per annum until these shares are again free to benefit from the revenues of the canal. Another and more important peculiarity is that the Khédive has relinquished his reversionary right in regard to these shares, and their dividends, therefore, assume the character of a perpetual burden on the revenues of the canal.

In respect of her right to receive an annual interest payment of about a million of dollars from the Egyptian Treasury, Great Britain has thus become directly interested in preventing the bankruptcy of that Government. So far as the ultimate ownership of the canal is concerned, Great Britain has obtained a permanent mortgage upon the property. Without going into the rather complex questions affecting the value of outstanding shares and of the Khédive's coupons which the company assigned in order to raise money, it has been calculated that the British Government must pay at least another thirteen millions sterling, if they desire to buy up the entire share capital of the Suez Canal Company. Making allowance for the probably enhanced value of the shares in view of any such purchase, and taking into account the four millions sterling already paid, the total expenditure required to enable the British Government to own the canal would be some ninety millions of dollars. That would still be subject to an annual charge to provide for the redemption of the shares at maturity, and if the value of this debenture capital is also to be bought up, the total cost of the operation would be close on one hundred and twenty millions of dollars. This would be a financial transaction calculated to excite the admiring envy of the promoters of our great internal canal schemes. It might turn out a productive one, but whether it does or not, it is tolerably clear that the British Government will be driven to attempt it. For all this risk and expense there is the one constant and apparently satisfactory excuse of providing for the safety of British India. Whatever be the value to England of her Eastern Empire, she is certainly in a fair way of paying pretty dear for her whistle.

A DRAMATIC EXPOSURE.

Attempts at black-mailing are often heard of, but probably there are many successful schemes of this sort of which the public is never told. Boston has just been disturbed by one of the former class. It is, as one may say, "as good as a play." Indeed, the principal performers in it seem to have managed their parts in such a way as to secure a striking dramatic effect. It appears that one of those industrious spies known as "private detectives" thought he could scare an honest tradesman into paying money to keep a charge of incendiarism from being brought against him. Five years ago the tradesman's factory, near Boston, was destroyed by fire, and the insurance companies adjusted the losses by paying thirty-two thousand dollars to the owner. Now comes the "detective," as he calls himself, and with a sharp and knowing air, something after the style of Inspector Bucket, informs the tradesman that he has secured evidence conclusively showing that he, the tradesman, set fire to his own property for the sake of securing the insurance; that he has been "working up the case," after the manner of the professional detective, and that the insurance companies are now ready to compromise, take back their money, and say no more about it.

A guilty man would have been glad to get out of such a scrape by paying over whatever the "detective" demanded. Mr. GELDOWSKY, the subject of this peculiar conspiracy, invited the self-appointed insurance agent to his house, having first secured the assistance of several policemen, who were stationed within reach of the domestic stage on which this little drama was to be enacted. A lady, who was expert enough to take full notes of a conversation, was placed where she could hear and write without being seen. Then the play went on. The "detective" announced that the insurance companies, whom he professed to represent, had paid GELDOWSKY thirty-two thousand dollars; that the accumulated interest on that sum amounted to ten thousand more, and that they had ordered him to settle on the best possible terms. He would take forty-two thousand dollars, and "call it square." This GOODWIN, the confidential agent, detective, and general commissioner, thought a fair proposition. Singularly enough, GELDOWSKY did not regard it in that light. Then the gentlemanly detective urged that he had spent a great deal of money in "working this thing up." It is a habit which the model detective has, this spending money in a mad pursuit of clues. Besides, this was not one of the common sort of detectives. He said that he stopped at the best hotels wherever he went. He had been brought up expensively. He lived at Willard's Hotel in Washington, and he casually mentioned, in his light and airy way, that he dined with the Postmaster General on Sunday. That was the kind of man he was, and, to clinch the business, he said, "I'm a gentleman and a white man; not a coarse hair in my head. Feel of it, please. I'm no hog."

GELDOWSKY still demurred, and the confidential agent and detective began to abate his demands. What would the gentleman give to have the case settled forever? Of course, the gentleman wanted to know how much would satisfy the insurance companies. "Oh, well," said this model detective, "the insurance companies can go to"—a place where insurance is not available. Then he confessed, "I'm in this thing for myself." He had got nine million dollars out of JAY GOULD for one "party," and one million for "another party," but he did not want to be hard on GELDOWSKY; he would let him off for ten thousand dollars. He admired the tradesman's coolness; it struck him as being so thoroughly admirable that he would like "something to remember him by." His gold chain, for example, was just what this gentlemanly detective fancied. Securing the promise of a chain just like it, he proposed to "call it square" for five thousand dollars and a certain house in the vicinity. Gradually the two men came to terms, and the tradesman was once more complimented by the detective on being "a cool hand." Seeing wine on the table, the honest and convivial GOODWIN proposed a parting drink, but the tradesman said that the ladies were near by and perhaps his visitor would prefer a song. This remark was a preconcerted signal for a grand transformation scene. Doors opened in various directions. Policemen appeared as if by magic, and from every side. A party of ladies who had been invited in to see the play formed a background. The astonished "detective" drew his pistol, but was disarmed. Tableau by all the characters.

Where one such ingenious rascal as this is exposed, there are doubtless many more who succeed in scaring timid people into paying their demands. The art of blackmailing is a very different thing from what it was when some coarse rogue, knowing something of the easy life of his intended victim, pounced upon him with a mysterious story of intrigue, and with a threat to "expose" him to the derision of society. The new plan, apparently, is to injure a man in his business and credit by making public charges against him. The Boston amateur detective had a confederate who had prepared bogus affidavits to substantiate GOODWIN's charges. He also was arrested, and the precious pair are likely to have ample leisure to meditate, behind iron bars, upon the unaccountable unwillingness of some people to submit to black-mail. The truth is, however, that scamps of this sort may be easily put down if they are met with a little courage.

THE EARLIEST ARM-CHAIR GEOGRAPHER.

It has latterly become the fashion to sneer at the "arm-chair geographer" and his theories of African geography. In the popular mind he figures as a selfish and unprincipled fellow, who robs the hungry, homeless, orphaned African traveler of his facts, and perverts them to his personal and corrupt purposes. Why a geographer who uses an arm-chair should be more obtrusively wicked than one who sits in a straight-backed chair, or on a three-legged stool, is not very obvious; but it is probable that the arm-chair is meant to be a symbol of luxury, used as such to emphasize the contrast between the poor but honest traveler, and the rich and vicious geographer.

Now, the truth is that the geographer who does not go to Africa is often much better able to interpret the discoveries made by travelers than are the latter themselves. There is nothing which so thoroughly prejudices a man as his personal discovery of a new African lake or river. He instantly devotes the remainder of his life to the effort to show that his particular lake or river is the only true source of the Nile, and he loses the power of perceiving the force of any facts which make against his theory. Occasionally, it is true, we find an explorer like BAKER, who can reason as clearly concerning African geography as though he had never seen the Nile; but, as a rule, the curious incapacity to read the meaning of his own discoveries, which so eminently characterized the boldest and most indomitable of all explorers—Dr. LIVINGSTON—is found to a greater or less degree in most other African travelers. It was Sir RODERICK MURCHISON who, from his arm-chair, first described, and with surprising accuracy, the topographical conformation of Central Africa. It was PETERMANN, another arm-chair geographer, who demonstrated that LIVINGSTON was wrong in his belief as to the identity of the Lualaba and the Nile; and it was another arm-chair theorist who, long before the English explorers had found the mouth of the Niger, asserted that the river would be found to empty by several mouths into the Bight of Benin.

Strange to say, the first of all arm-chair geographers, and the one who really deserves to be heartily abused, is just at present particularly popular. When HERODOTUS, that prince of newspaper correspondents, born out of time, and compelled to waste his piquant gossip in the service of history instead of the columns of a Halicarnassian journal, was in Egypt, he met a practical joker in the person of the Register of Minerva's treasury, who tried to impose on the garrulous old gentleman by telling him an absurd story as to the source of the Nile. He said that it rose between two mountains near Syene, and that half of its waters flowed north and the other half south. Undoubtedly he merely intended to construct a lie which HERODOTUS would reproduce in his forthcoming volume of Egyptian travels, and thereby expose himself to the ridicule of Egyptian critics. But the reckless Register builded better than he knew. His story, which HERODOTUS not only regarded as essentially incredible, but which he disproved by a personal journey to Syene, has been erroneously quoted as though HERODOTUS was its author, and has survived to this day to muddle and confound the counsels of travelers and geographers. That unhappy Register actually slew DAVID LIVINGSTON. Had the latter, when STANLEY left him, pursued, as he should have done, his explorations north-west of Tanganyika, he might have been yet alive. He preferred to return to the deadly marshes of Lake Bangweolo, where there was not the least reason for further explorations, merely because he hoped to find somewhere between the lake and the west coast the mythical fountains of the mendacious Register. And now, although STANLEY has found the true source of the Nile in the River Shimeeyu, and has shown that the latter stream rises far to the south-west of the two mountains Kilimandjaro and Kenia, it has suddenly become fashionable to insist that these two mountains are the ones mentioned by the Register of Minerva, and that his veracity is now established beyond contradiction. To point out that the Shimeeyu does not receive the drainage of Kilimandjaro and Kenia; that no stream from those mountains was found, in the course of STANLEY's careful explorations, to enter the Victoria Lake, and that the melted snows of the mountains flood rivers that empty into the Indian Ocean—all of which facts have been abundantly proved—does not in the least shake the faith of the believers in the first arm-chair geographer. And the most extraordinary feature of this popular delusion is the unanimity with which the story which HERODOTUS proved to be false is calmly laid on the shoulders of that ill-used and helpless historian. It is safe to say that when HERODOTUS returned from his trip to Syene, he expressed to the unprincipled Register a very decided opinion as to persons who try to impose upon respectable travelers. If he could only have foreseen the ultimate consequences of the Register's joke, he might perhaps have refrained from assaulting him with his umbrella, but he most certainly would have mentioned him in the preface to his *History of Egypt* in terms which would have left no doubt in the minds of future generations as to the mendacity and folly of that disreputable ecclesiastic.

THE SHOP-GIRLS.

The effort now being made on the part of several ladies to induce shopkeepers in this City to abolish the rule which forbids shop-girls to sit down during their hours of employment, commends itself to the approbation of all humane persons. In many—though happily not in all our large shops—the girls whose business it is to wait on customers are not allowed to sit down one moment through the day, except during the brief interval allowed for luncheon. Now, it must be remembered that, as a rule, these girls, in going to and from their places of employment at morning and at night, seldom obtain a seat in the horse cars. Between the hours of 7 and 9 in the morning the seats in cars going down town are monopolized by men, and the same thing is true of the cars which make the trip up town between 5 and 7 in the evening. The consequence is that the poor shop-girls are usually compelled to be on their feet from the time they leave home until they return at night. That this is a very great hardship, and that it cannot but have the most injurious effect upon girls who are not in the most robust health, scarcely needs to be stated.

Not many months since a well-known club or society of women "of advanced views" in this City appointed a committee to investigate this very matter. The committee visited numerous shops, and after conversations with the girls and their employers, made the unexpected report that it was impracticable to give the girls permission to sit down, because they would take advantage of it and neglect their duty, and that it really did not do them any injury to keep on their feet for eight or ten successive hours. It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that this report was colored by the unwillingness of the women-reformers to admit that their own sex is physically weaker than the sex which votes and does other things which strong-minded women pine to do. If so, it would not be the first case in which devotion to a theory has conquered the natural impulses of humanity. The ladies who have now taken up the cause of the poor shop-girls have, fortunately, no theory of the physical equality of the sexes to sustain, and they do not hesitate to urge that the shop-girls are, from the very fact of their sex, unable to endure the same long-continued muscular exertion which men find perfectly safe. It is to be hoped that their appeal will be heeded, and in the meantime men who secure possession of the seats in horse cars at night and morning ought to remember that, whatever may be the shortcomings of the car companies, a stout and healthy male passenger ought not to permit a weak and tired shop-girl to add her half-hour of car-jolting to the hours during which she is required to keep her weary feet.

AMUSEMENTS.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.

Although we are in some doubt as to whether the denouement of Mr. Daly's new drama of "Pique" has been reached at the hour of going to press enough of the piece and its performance was seen between 8 o'clock and midnight to justify confidence in its success. The length of yesterday's representation, it should at once be mentioned, resulted mainly from the prolonged intermissions. "Pique," however, calls for the pruning-knife as well as for more rapid work upon the stage, and the sooner both subjects are seen to the better. Meanwhile, that the elements of interest and entertainment in "Pique" are numerous cannot be questioned. Reduced to narrative form, the plot of the drama appears complicated, but it is at no point deficient in clearness as set forth by the prominent incidents. The characters, if not precisely novel, are by no means hackneyed, and the leading personages are drawn with unusual sharpness of outline and very cleverly filled in. Each of the scenes terminates in a climax of varying strength, but in a climax nevertheless. The dialogue, though it is not brilliant, is appropriate to the *dramatis personæ*, and reveals a practiced hand. From all this it may be inferred that the favorable judgment already expressed as to the future of "Pique" is not wholly groundless. With some of the most forcible pictures still involved, a complete review of "Pique" is of course out of the question. But a rapid outline of its story may be ventured upon. The piece takes its title from a hasty marriage entered into in a moment of spite, by *Mabel Renfrew*, who, angered at *Raymond Lessing's* courtship of her stepmother, overcomes for the time being her love for *Raymond*, and marries *Arthur Standish*, whose offer she was previously about to refuse. *Arthur* is passionately fond of *Mabel*, but, at heart, his wife, still thinks of *Raymond*. Man and wife, however, agreeing to disagree, keep up appearances until they go to dwell with *Arthur's* father in a Puritan homestead. The sternness of *Matthew Standish* brings about a rupture between his son and his bride, and, maddened by his wife's confession that she loved *Raymond*, *Arthur* bids her farewell and leaves her. *Mabel* now remains alone in the home of her father-in-law, who does not oppose her departure, but refuses to allow her to remove her child from his paternal care. The mother, at this juncture, hires [illegible] who have lurked about the town some days, to steal the child and bear it to a hiding-place, where she will rejoin it. She reconsiders her determination, having discovered, firstly, that *Raymond* is not worthy of her affection and, secondly, that she really loves *Arthur*, after all, but the kidnappers, aware of the wealth of the *Standishes* and with an eye to a reward, now carry off the lad to parts unknown. Subsequent events relate chiefly to the search for the missing little one. Sketches of low life are unfolded, that in which the aged *Standish* defies the would-be assassins being borrowed from Hugo's *Les Misérables*. Ultimately, of course, the boy is found, and *Arthur Standish* and wayward *Mabel* are brought together, while *Raymond* marries *Mrs. Renfrew*. On this happy conclusion the curtain falls. Mr. Daly has divided "Pique" into seven tableaux, and he has designed the characters with a pretty correct appreciation of the merits of his best artists. Mr. Fisher is particularly well suited, and his portrayal of *Matthew Standish*, "whose will is law," is strikingly good and singularly free from the mannerisms noticeable in many of this popular actor's efforts. Miss Fanny Davenport is assigned, in *Mabel Renfrew*, a rôle to which her ability is perfectly adapted, and in which her now rather mature beauty shines resplendent. Mr. James Lewis is, naturally, looked after by Mr. Daly, and he has a fresh wig and his old manner, two provocatives of mirth which never fail of their effect. We cannot go further into details at present. The scenery in "Pique" is magnificent, and when the play is brought within limits and something approaching a *resumé* of impressions can be commenced at its close, we shall set our upon the pleasant task of dealing with its several sets, as well as with the minor performances, with such minuteness as they exact. We subjoin the distribution of the parts, as illustrating the force of Mr. Daly's company. "Pique" is cast as follows:

Matthew Standish	Mr. Charles Fisher
Capt. Arthur Standish, U. S. N.	Mr. D. H. Harkins
Dr. Gossitt	Mr. John Brougham
Mr. Raymond Lessing	Mr. Maurice Barrymore
Sammy Dymple	Mr. James Lewis
Thorsby Gyll	Mr. John Drew
Ragmoney Jim	Mr. Frank Hardenberg
Paddler	Mr. William Davidge
Picker Bob	Mr. Charles Rockwell
Rattlin	Mr. W. Beekman
Capt. Speers	Mr. I. Devean
Mabel Renfrew	Miss Fanny Davenport
Lucille Renfrew	Miss Emily Rigl
Mary Standish	Miss Jeffreys-Lewis
Aunt Dorothy	Mrs. G. H. Gilbert
Raitch	Miss Sydney Cowell
Mother Thames	Miss Kate Holland
Sylvie	Miss Lizzie Griffiths
Little Arthur	Belle Wharton

HERR WACHTEL'S REPRESENTATIONS.

"Lohengrin" will this evening be represented at the Academy of Music, with Herr Wachtel as *Lohengrin* and Mme. Wagner as *Elsa*. An increased orchestral and choral force will give full effect to Wagner's exacting and impressive work.

THE FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The large audience already assured for the French representation to be given at the Academy of Music next Saturday will enjoy the double satisfaction of witnessing two plays, engaging the excellent company now playing at the Lyceum Theatre, and of greatly extending the means for doing good of the Société de Bienfaisance. Few charitable entertainments offer so rich a return for the money invested, and we have no doubt that the society will find that its liberality and taste in the composition of the programme will be appreciated in a generous and gratifying manner. The management have decided to substitute for "Les Deux Sourds," which has been produced at the Lyceum Theatre this Winter, a delightful comedy, "Les Brebis de Panurge," in which Mme. Clarence will assume the principal rôle. MM. Vernat and Collet and Mme. Gueymard are also included in the distribution. The event of the evening, however, will be the appearance of Mr. Fechter—who offers his gratuitous assistance in aid of the society's charitable work—in "On Demande un Gouverneur." He will be supported by the comedy company from the Lyceum. Following is the cast of "On Demande un Gouverneur:"

Frederic de Marsan	M. Fechter
Benjamin	M. Maréges
Durancel	M. Rich
Edouard, fils de Durancel	M. Legrand
Timoléon	M. Dilbert
Joseph	M. Jaeger
Valentine	Mme. Thuier
Estelle	Mme. Gueymard
Rosalie	Mme. Belcour

MR. LESTER WALLACK IN BROOKLYN.

The annual engagement of Mr. Lester Wallack is one of the bright spots in the record of matters theatrical in Brooklyn. It has both a personal and traditional value, and as it brings before the public there a gentleman whose art is second to none in the domain of modern comedy, so it recalls through his name some of the most brilliant associations connected with the history of the drama in America. Mr. Wallack plays according to his custom at the Brooklyn Theatre, and this very fact seems to hold good promise for the future of art in this country, or at least it indicates the absence of any small jealousies which would be calculated to impede its fair progress. The manager of the foremost comedy theatre in America, having himself a company of exceptionally brilliant talents, playing under the management of gentlemen who guide the destinies of one of the most prosperous establishments in the Metropolis, is certainly a satisfactory spectacle, and bodes well to the progress of dramatic art. Two of Robertson's charming comedies have been selected for Mr. Wallack's appearance. He has already begun his engagement in "Home," supplemented by that most amusing comedietta "A Regular Fix," which has always found favor with comedians of the best class, and which has done them some good offices by introducing them to popular favor in return. The concluding evenings of his engagement will be given to "Ours," one of the brightest of those delightful pieces which have shut up, as it were, so much exquisite refinement of thought and language in so brief a title. The performance of Mr. Wallack in these comedies is undeniably among his best. His many-sided talents adapt themselves to their requirements without difficulty. Manly repose, nonchalant ease, the sincere utterances of sentiment or friendship, the more impassioned revelations of love, absolute unconstraint, or embarrassment where embarrassment is the natural outcome of the situation, and the various graces, almost intangible in themselves, which go to make the perfect comedian, are equally within the flexibility of his art. His performance so far in "Home" has won bounteous applause. It is indeed a perfect illustration of that hackneyed *ars celare artem* description, hackneyed probably on account of its valuable brevity and expressiveness. Then, as the comedy is very charmingly set and pleasantly acted, it constitutes altogether such an entertainment as ought to find abundant favor among the cultured classes of Brooklyn. Mr. Wallack, of course, fills the rôle of *Hugh De Brass* in the supplementary comedietta, and in his hands the effrontery of that lively personage is of the brickest and most amusing kind. His first appearance in "Ours" is set down for to-morrow evening, and thenceforward the piece will be presented until the end of the week, including the Saturday matinée.

PARK THEATRE.

The one hundredth performance of "The Mighty Dollar" attracted an overflowing audience to the Park Theatre Monday evening. At the close of the third act Mr. W. J. Florence was called upon for a speech. In compliance with the summons he came before the curtain and spoke as follows:

I thank you for your presence and for your constant kind appreciation of the efforts of Mrs. Florence—and my own—to win your approbation by presenting types of American character which we believe to be numerous, and which you have ratified as true. This is the second run of 100 nights which it has been our good fortune to have made in this city. "The Ticket-of-Leave Man" ran 140 nights, "Eileen Oge" upward of ninety nights. And now "The Mighty Dollar" has had its centennial. We recall, too, the sixty nights of "No Thoroughfare," and the runs of many burlesques in which we have had the good fortune to evoke your laughter. We have traveled far and wide, but we have always longed to return to our native city, and have ever thought and felt that "there is no place like home." Our welcome—personally, socially, and professionally—has been delightful. All has been done here—by the management, the company, and the band—and last, not least, by the press—to make our success brilliant. The critical opinion of "The Mighty Dollar" was, indeed, somewhat sharp at the first; but it became kinder as our purposes were made more clear, and we have not failed to profit by the chill as well as the sunshine of criticism. The public has stood by us nobly. I will not detain you longer. The *Hon. Bardwell Slote* has made speeches enough—and at present his heart is in his mouth and checks the flow of his congressional eloquence. Ladies and gentlemen good night.

THE ALLEGED CASE OF VIVISECTION

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I was present at the "brutal" exhibition referred to in letters from Mr. Henry Bergh and "M. D.," published in your issue of 13th inst., and I assert that the animal was dead

THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

SHALL THE COURTS BE REFORMED?

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE COURTS—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE MATTER—THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION PROPOSITION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bar Association was held at No. 9 West Twenty-ninth street last evening, Hon. William M. Evarts in the chair. A large number of prominent members of the association were present. The report of the Secretary showed that the association now numbered 660 members, and that its financial affairs are in a satisfactory condition. At the close of the regular routine business nineteen new members were admitted, and an Auditing Committee of three chosen by ballot. Mr. George H. Yeaman, from the Committee on Judicial Reorganization, presented a report, the substance of which was as follows:

The committee of the Bar Association to whom was referred the consideration of the resolution touching the better disposition of litigated business, have made a careful and exhaustive inquiry into the workings of the present system of multiplied jurisdictions and the evils which it entailed upon litigants. The committee, after a review of the facts bearing on the case, sum up their recommendations as follows:

Your committee are of opinion that the principal difficulty lies deeper, and requires a more radical remedy, and they recommend a reorganization of the judicial power for the County of New-York, and submit the following as an outline of the plan to accomplish this end:

The consolidation of the Supreme, Superior, Common Pleas, and Marine Courts into one judicial tribunal combining all the jurisdictions those courts now have, or the same in effect; the reorganization of the first department of the Supreme Court, dispensing with the others, and increasing the number, if necessary, of the District Courts. No Judges need be displaced or their terms shortened. Either they can all be made Judges of the one consolidated Court, or apply this to the first three courts named and dispense with the Marine Court, not abruptly but providing for its gradual abolition by by-electing no more Judges. Thus the business and the judicial force of that court would adapt themselves to each other, and if any causes remained on the calendar at the expiration of the term of office now longest to run, they could be transferred to the Supreme Court. With such a court organized as hereafter indicated, fewer Judges than the present number now composing the former courts could do the work more rapidly than it is now done, and by retaining of establishing the number of Judges now employed in these four courts, there would be no need to increase the judicial force of this City for the next half century.

2. Either have a County Judge, and avoid the doubt that now seems to exist whether any court is clothed with the power of a County Judge, or, what is deemed better, provide for detailing a Judge of the Supreme Court, who should give so much of his time as necessary to discharge the duties and exercise the jurisdiction now devolved on County Judges in other parts of the State.

3. Let one, and, if necessary, two Judges hold chambers for ex-parte motions and orders, so as to have a Judge always available for that purpose.

4. Let one, and if necessary two Judges hold Chambers for enumerated motions, and let these motions be brought on as rapidly as they can be under the notice required by law, or under order to show cause, instead of being calendered in great masses for first and third Mondays of each month.

5. These Chamber Judges would, of course, rotate with the Trial Term Judges, and a Judge not employed at Chambers—always having one there—could be utilized in conjunction with others, as indicated in section fourth.

6. Let there be one General Term, composed of five Judges, three constituting a quorum, and let them be either exclusively General Term Judges or assigned to that duty for long terms. We would thus avoid the inconvenience of the constitutional incapacity now occurring so often, by a Judge of General Term having presided at the trial or granted the order in the court below. And by composing the court of five Judges, making three a quorum, two could be nearly always engaged in disposing of appeals which have been argued and held under advisement.

7. Let a sufficient number of Judges be assigned to hold special terms for trial of equity causes. Only experience would determine what number could keep the calendars clear.

8. Let one Judge constantly hold a part or trial term for the disposition of short causes, to secure the earlier trial of such actions, and to avoid the interruptions of other trials, now sometimes occasioned by the monthly Friday's short-cause calendar.

9. Let all the remaining Judges be assigned to common law trial terms, but so arranged that one or more of them should have the calendar to call, but would simply sit in readiness to hear causes that are ready and waiting for trial in other parts, but are delayed by the unexpected duration of causes actually on trial. This might be a slight inconvenience to the Judge calling the calendar, but would often be found to be an immense relief to parties, witnesses, and counsel in waiting.

If to the forgiving could be added a provision for trying a greater proportion of certain classes of actions by the court without a jury, it is believed the disposition of business would be still further facilitated.

Your committee recommend the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution, in substance as follows:

On the 1st day of ——, 187—, the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New-York, and the Superior Court of the City of New-York shall cease to exist, and all the jurisdiction of said courts shall vest in and all the Judges of said courts then in office shall become Judges of the Supreme Court; and any judicial power in civil or criminal cases, and any judicial power as a County Judge, and their special authority and jurisdiction now vested in any or either of the Judges of either of said courts, shall rest in the Justices of the Supreme Court for the First Department, to be exercised in such manner and under such limitations as the Legislature may prescribe, or so long as the Legislature shall not have acted, then in such manner and under such limitations and regulations as the General Term for such first department shall from time to time prescribe, and thereupon the Judges so transferred shall hold their places for the remainder of their respective terms for which they shall have been chosen or appointed, and suits, actions, appeals, motions, and proceedings then pending in the courts so abolished shall be and become immediately transferred to the Supreme Court for the First Department, without prejudice to any undertaking, bond, pleading, deposition or other entry or proceeding previously had therein; and thereafter there shall be twenty-one Justices of the Supreme Court for the First Department, chosen or appointed as provided by the constitution of this State, and the salaries of all of said Justices except five shall be provided for and paid by the City of New-York.

The General Term of the First Department shall hereafter consist of five Justices, of whom three may constitute a quorum, all of whom shall be designated in the manner in which General Term Justices are now authorized by law to be designated.

(Signed) Oliver P. Buel, George H. Yeaman, Charles Tracy, A. P. Mann, Frederick N. Bangs, Committee.

The report was ordered to be printed, and copies forwarded to the Judges of the various courts concerned for their opinions. The report was also made a subject of discussion at an adjourned meeting.

The Committee on Formation of a State Bar Association reported that they had sent circulars propounding sixteen different question to 1,300 lawyers in various parts of the State, and that the replies received were overwhelmingly in favor of the establishment of such an association. The respective plans of direct and delegated membership were duly canvassed, and the question left open to the settlement of the future organization when constituted. The organizations of the Inner and Middle Temple, and Lincoln's and Grey's Inns, and the influence exerted by them upon the character and tone of the profession in Great Britain were referred to, and the conclusion drawn that the establishment throughout the country of voluntary bodies, after the plan of the Bar Association of this City, would result in the general improvement and elevation of the legal profession in the State and nation. The report closes with the submission of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bar Association of the City of New-York will extend an invitation to lawyers resident in the several judicial districts of the State to meet at some place most convenient within such districts, then and there to elect twenty of their number as delegates from such several districts, at convention to be charged with the organization of a State Bar Association, and that the association will, at the proper time, designate twenty delegates to represent their judicial district in the said convention.

The report was accepted, and the resolution laid on the table until the next meeting. After electing a Committee of Three on Nominations, and transacting other regular business, the meeting adjourned. Previous to adjournment an amendment to the constitution was proposed by Mr. Dorman B. Eaton, whereby gentlemen not members of the bar are to be hereafter admitted to the privileges of members on payment of an initiation fee of $500. The amendment was laid over for consideration.

THE FUNERAL TROUBLE IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—A crowded meeting of the St. Patrick's Society was held last night, B. Devlin, President, in the chair. Mr. Devlin referred to Father Dowd's unkind remarks concerning him on Sunday last, and said he was in a pew without opportunity to reply. For endeavoring to see due honor done the illustrious Irish dead he had been exposed to censure. As to the charge that he was inspired by "hellish motives" in publishing the advertisement, he appealed to their sense of honor and justice whether he was justly amenable to such terrible denunciation from so high a place as the pulpit of St. Patrick's Church. He went on to explain that his brother had twice ineffectually endeavored to have the bells of the French church tolled, offering money to no purposed, and hinted that there was implied insult in this to Irish Catholics. Eventually, after some further talk from three or four others, the following resolution was carried with one dissenting voice:

"The St. Patrick's Society fully indorses the President in the course he has taken in calling this meeting, and consider that no blame is attachable to him whatever."

AN EAST NEW-YORK MURDER.

THE BODY OF A YOUNG WOMAN FOUND IN A CORN-FIELD IN EAST NEW-YORK—HER FACE AND NECK BADLY CUT.

Yesterday, in a corn-field on the old Schenck farm, about four hundred feet south of the Jamaica Plank Road, Martin Sigelton, a laborer, found the dead body of a handsome young woman, badly cut about the face and head. The body was discovered under a large corn stack on the side furthest from the road. It lay on its back, and the hands and arms, which were frozen stiff, were raised as if to ward off the blows of an assailant. The face of the girl was covered with blood, and her eyes were wide open. The tops of her finger-nails penetrated her flesh, so tightly were her hands clenched in the agony of death. Sigelton, when he had recovered from the shock which the first sight of the murdered girl gave him, hastened with all speed to the house of his employer, Mr. Richard Wessel, who rents the old Schenck farm. The body was discovered by Sigelton about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and very soon after the Police were informed of the fact. Capt. Crafts with a number of men, at once proceeded to the farm, and from the Central Office Superintendent Campbell detailed Detectives Van Wagner and Botts to make a thorough investigation of the case. The most cursory examination of the position of the body and the nature of the wounds convinced the Police that the girl had been murdered. Coroner Simms arrived soon after the Police, and made a careful examination of the body before it was removed from the corn-field. He found a deep wound on the right side of the face, extending from the lobe of the right ear to about the centre of the throat. At the throat termination of the wound the knife, it was thought, had been turned round; for a large piece of flesh was missing and the hole formed by its absence was sufficient to admit one's fist. Another gash was found in the right side of the face, extending from the cheek bone down to the angle of the mouth. On the left side a wound was found which cut the left ear in half, and passing along the throat severed the carotid artery. The hole in the centre of the throat, which the Police believe was made by turning the knife in the wound was, the Coroner thinks, occasioned by the knawing of field mice. No other cuts were found on any part of the body, nor were any bruises observable. By order of the Coroner the body was taken to the East New-York Station, but up to a late hour last night it had not been identified. The whole affair is shrouded in the deepest mystery. That a most foul murder has been committed is not for a moment doubted, but by whom the deed was perpetrated, or what was the inciting cause of the crime, is not known. In the village of New-Lots, better known as East New-York, the most intense excitement prevails. Should the murderer be captured while the present state of feeling exists, although the dead girl does not appear to be known in the village, his chances of a trial by jury would be very slight indeed. For many reasons it is believed that the murder was committed before the snow-storm of Monday night—that is to say, between the hours of 9 and 10. The reason for this theory is that the deep gashes were filled with snow and the body was frozen fast to the earth in a pool of blood. In the opinion of the medical men who examined the body the murdered girl was not more than twenty-five or twenty-six years of age. She had dark eyes and straight black hair, and a complexion so dark that by some of those who viewed her body she was taken for an octoroon. Her dress, although of good quality, showed her to belong to the working class. She wore a dove-colored merino gown and a black alpaca overskirt of fine texture. Round her shoulders was a black and white striped shawl and near her head, on the ground, an ordinary bonnet. In her ears were two fine gold earrings, with garnet settings. In her pockets, besides a coarse handkerchief, only a steel thimble and a three-cent piece were found. A thorough search was made in the vicinity of the corn-stack for signs of a struggle, or for the footsteps of the murderer. Neither were found, and the light fall of snow that covered the level field showed conclusively by its undisturbed surface that the murder was committed before the snow-storm. On examining the stack of corn a large hole was observed on one side of it, near the base. The sheaves near this hole were pulled apart by the officers, and in the centre what appeared to be a cigar-maker's knife was found. The blade was of the finest steel, and, like the wooden handle, was covered with blood. The blade was about three and one-half inches long and one-fourth of an inch wide. On the handle, which is of black walnut, were the clearly-defined marks of three slender bloody fingers. The only clue in the possession of the Police is this knife. There are many theories already spoken of, but the one that appears to meet most consideration is that the woman was a Cuban or Spanish woman, and that she was probably killed by some countryman of her own. In support of this theory it is claimed that among Cubans the tobacco business is one commonly followed, and among them also the knife is a favorite weapon. No woman answering the description of the deceased was seen in the vicinity of the murder on Monday night, nor were any man and woman seen together in that neighborhood. The murderer has had a long start of his pursuers, and at present there is no indication that he will be captured. Coroner Simms will hold the inquest next week.

THE WHITE STAR DOCK ROBBERY.

HOW $5,500 WORTH OF SILK WAS STOLEN—THE RECOVERY OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY.

The developments following on the arrest of William D. Woods, charged with receiving the $5,500 worth of umbrella silk stolen from the White Star Line dock on the night of the 6th inst., show that credit for the recovery of the goods belongs wholly to the officers of the company and their friends. The statement that the thieves cut through the dock and lowered the goods into a boat proves to have been incorrect, and the report that the Sergeant of Police and detectives from head-quarters effected the recovery of the goods is likewise without foundation. The only assistance afforded by the Police authorities was to furnish an officer in plain clothes, who was subsequently made acquainted with the suspected party, and who thereupon made the arrest. The manner in which the case was worked up reflects great credit upon the activity and vigilance of the White Star officials. As soon as the loss of the goods was discovered, an advertisement, offering a reward of $500 for the apprehension of the thief, was inserted in the daily papers. The stolen silk was what is known as "umbrella" silk, a quality which is generally rare in the market, and, therefore, more difficult to dispose of without awakening suspicion. A few days since a friend of Mr. R. J. Cortis, the agent of the White Star Line, called at the latter's office in Broadway, and informed him that a person named Woods had offered him some of the silk for sale. Mr. Cortis at once saw his opportunity, and, with the assistance of his friend, laid a plan whereby the stolen property and its possessor were soon in the hands of the law. The friend, who was himself a merchant, went back to his place of business and addressed a note to Woods, informing him that he would purchase the goods in question, provided Woods would allow him to inspect the silk and confer with him on the price. Woods jumped at the bait, and after the would-be purchaser had been shown the goods, which he readily identified as those which had been stolen, and agreed with the owner on the price to be paid, the merchant appointed a day for Woods to call at his office and receive a check for the purchase money. Woods called, the merchant filled out the check, the receipt was signed, and the "speculator" was walking off to cash the check when the policeman in plain clothes arrested him on a charge of receiving stolen goods. Woods was subsequently conveyed to the Tombs and will be brought up for examination to-day. Three thousand five hundred dollars' worth of the stolen property was found in his possession, and, after identification by Mr. Cortis, returned to the White Star Company. The rest of the plunder is still missing.

CALIFORNIA MINING STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The following are the closing official prices of mining stocks to-day: Consolidated Virginia, 368; California, 67¼; Segregated Belcher, 85; Ophir, 48¼; Choliar, 94; Savage, new stock, 16½; Imperial, 9; Mexican, 19⅜; Gould and Curry, 20½; Best and Belcher, 59⅜; Hale and Norcross, 48¼; Crown Point, 30⅜; Yellow Jacket, 10½; Empire, 5½; Alpha, 18½; Belcher, 34½; Confidence, 21½, Sierra Nevada, 21¼; Exchequer, 12; Overman, 59⅜; Justice, 97; Caledonia, 23⅜.

THE BOUND BROOK INJUNCTION.

TRENTON, Dec. 14.—The arguments in the Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad injunction case were resumed here to-day before Chancellor Runyon. Mr. Abraham Browning occupied the greater portion of the day, and when he concluded ex-Chancellor Williamson commenced his argument on the same side. The latter, said the court, should, before interfering, look at the motive of the defendants, which was ten times greater for the public good than the alleged disadvantages complained of as arising from the building of the bridge. The argument will be resumed to-morrow.

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Some of the finest pieces of real bronze which ever came from Paris may be seen at the establishment of Messrs. Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, of Maiden lane. They deal largely in bronzes, both real and imitation, but their recent importations are unusually fine, especially some of the larger pieces. The Æneas and Dido is one of these, and it would be difficult to find a finer specimen of work; Zephyr and Psyche is another, a fine composition, full of lightness and grace; the single figures of Psyche and Undine may be also classed in this selection, for they are beautiful examples of artistic skill and conception. A bust of Rembrandt, after his famous portrait of himself, is another piece which ought to find favor among the lovers of fine art, and a most spirited figure of a bull also. The smaller bronzes, copies of the best known classic statues, busts, &c., are the best of their kind, both in point of execution and material. There is also a full line of silvered bronzes, in which some pretty things are shown, such as inkstands, card-receivers, paper weights, thermometer stands, smokers' sets, vases, candlesticks, &c. In the same department, set apart to the bronzes, there is a large and varied display of clocks, of French manufacture mainly, in marble, enamel, malachite, bronze, silvered bronze, and gilt. An enamel clock set in five pieces is shown, which is as elegant a specimen of workmanship as can be found anywhere. From the bronze department we descend to that devoted to fancy goods. Here a large stock of beautiful fans are exhibited of carved woods, pearl, ivory, bone, and tortoise shell, very daintily ornamented and painted, or feather-trimmed. Next we have a display of all kinds of meerschaum pipes, cigar and cigarette-holders in all designs and inclosed in elegant cases. Then come the Russia-leather goods, of which there is an immense variety and great range of price. Among these may be enumerated all kinds and varieties of pocket and memorandum books, for ladies and gentlemen, handkerchief and glove boxes, some elegant dressing-cases and ladies' work boxes, perfume stands and odor boxes, and jewel boxes. These latter may be had also in gilt, glass, and the most delicately designed enamel. In jewelry there is just at this time a large demand for amber ornaments, and among the large stock of them shown, one necklace of cut amber beads was conspicuous for the beauty of its finish and perfect purity of the material. Coral and jet jewelry there is a large and varied stock of, as well as of silver filigree, pearl work, carved ivory, enamel, and gilt articles. Portrait frames in gilt, and in all designs, and a full line of all fancy articles in gilt, are shown, many of them of odd and quaint design; also, Swiss carved wood work, and a large assortment of antique brasses, which are specially deserving of attention. In cutlery of all kinds, table and pocket, home and foreign, there is a large stock kept, and intending purchasers should examine the sets of pearl-handled carvers, in elegant cases, which would make a most acceptable present. In the higher-priced kinds of jewelry, some splendid watches, necklaces, lockets, &c., are shown. This house does a large business in arms and military goods, and their stock of guns of English and domestic manufacture, and rifles of all the best known makers, is unusually large and excellent. They are also the only agents in this country for the Peabody-Martini rifle.

THE CENTRAL RAILROAD CENSURED.

BUFFALO, Dec. 14.—The Coroner concluded his inquest to-day in the case of the two men whose death was caused by the recent collision on the Central Railroad at East Buffalo, and the following verdict was rendered by the jury after due deliberation:

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WEEKLY TIMES.

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"PODGERS" ON BUSINESS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

A NEW POLITICAL SOCIETY; A SECRET ORDER.

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BUFFALO, Dec. 14.—The Coroner concluded his inquest to-day in the case of the two men whose death was caused by the recent collision on the Central Railroad at East Buffalo, and the following verdict was rendered by the jury after due deliberation:

That H. Wood and Joseph Doty came to their deaths through the contemptible false economy practiced by the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company in not having sufficient employes on their road. We further blame the said company for the irregularity of running their trains on said road, and, further, for violating the city ordinances in running their cars more than six miles an hour within the city limits.

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THE NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES, published this morning, contains:

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BAKER—MOASE.—Dec. 14, at Bergen Point, N. J., by Rev. George Z. Gray, SAMUEL P. BAKER, of New-York, to GERTRUDE H., youngest daughter of the late Rev. John Moase, of Middletown, N. Y.

WOODWARD—ARCHER.—On Thursday, Dec. 9, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. James Cameron, ROBERT T. WOODWARD, 2d, to HENRIETTA ARCHER, both of this City.

DIED.

BARTRAM.—At Greenpoint, Long Island, on Tuesday, Dec. 14, JENNIE G., only daughter of Chas. J. and Elizabeth G. Bartram.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

CHANLER.—On Monday morning, 13th inst., MARGARET ASTOR, wife of John W. Chanler, in the 38th year of her age.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend the funeral services, at St. Mark's Church, on Thursday morning, 16th inst., at 11 o'clock, without further notice.

DUANE.—At Bergen Point, N. J., on Sunday morning, Dec. 12, aged 52 years, Rev. RICHARD B. DUANE, D. D., Secretary and General Agent of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Funeral service at Trinity Church, Bergen Point, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 15, at 11:15. Interment at All Saints' Memorial Church-yard, Navesink, N. J. Train to Bergen, from foot of Liberty st., at 10:15.

GREENWOOD.—At the residence of her son, Joseph M. Greenwood, No. 151 Remsen st., Brooklyn, Mrs. MARY GREENWOOD, in the 92d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at the above place, on Friday, the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock noon, without further notice.

GREEN.—At Roselle, N. J., on Monday, Dec. 13, 1875, BETSY GREEN, in the 42d year of her age, a faithful servant for thirty-six years in the family of C. C. Banta.

HAVEN.—At Fort Washington, on the 13th inst., JOHN APPLETON HAVEN, in his 84th year.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at his late residence, on Friday, the 17th inst., at 11:30 A. M. Hudson River Railroad train leaves Thirtieth Street Depot at 10:30 o'clock. Carriages will be in waiting at Fort Washington on the arrival of the cars.

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HOPKINS.—At Hoboken, suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 13, MARY C., beloved wife of Lemuel H. Hopkins, in the 58th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 202 Hudson st., Hoboken, N. J., on Friday, Dec. 17, at 11 A. M.

HOPKINS.—In Brooklyn, Dec. 12, 1875, JOHN P. HOPKINS, in his 55th year.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 89 Fleet place, at 2 P. M., Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1875.

MARTENSEN.—At Flatbush, Long Island, Dec. 13, JANE VANDERVEER, widow of Judge Gerrit L. Martense, in the 86th year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend her funeral at her late residence on Wednesday, 15th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

MACDONALD.—In Brooklyn, on Monday night, Dec. 13, at the residence of Robert St. Bing, No. 140 State st., ZAIDEE MACDONALD, aged 19 years.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 2 o'clock P. M. Burial Friday morning.

MOTT.—On Monday, Dec. 13, 1875, suddenly, WILLIAM HENRY MOTT, aged 33 years.

Relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Manhattan Commandery, No. 31; Zeububalel Chapter, R. A. M., and Rosalie Lodge, No. 418, F. and A. M., are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mott, No. 7 Charlton st., on Thursday at 8 P. M.

PALMER.—On Nov. 28, of diphtheria, BELLE, daughter of George W. and Deborah Jane Palmer, aged 5 years, 9 months. Also, on D. c. 14, GRACE, infant

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BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO JAMAICA, HAYTI, COLOMBIA, and ASPINWALL, and to PANAMA and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall.) First-class, full-powered iron-screw steamers, from Pier No. 51, North River:

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ATLAS.....Jan. 8.

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Superior first-class passenger accommodation.

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FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER,

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SOUTH CAROLINA.....WEDNESDAY.....DEC. 15
CITY OF ATLANTA.....SATURDAY.....DEC. 18

SUPERIOR PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS.

Insurance to destination one-half of one per cent.

Goods forwarded free of commission. Passenger tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of

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FOUR STEAM-SHIPS PER WEEK,
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H. LIVINGSTON, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, Dec. 16, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.

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SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, Dec. 18, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.

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TYBEE, Capt. HOLMES, SATURDAY, Dec. 18, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M.

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Insurance on this line ONE-HALF PER CENT. Superior accommodations for passengers.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

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PACIFIC MAIL S. S. LINE.

FOR CALIFORNIA, JAPAN, AND CHINA.

Sailing from Pier No. 42 North River.

For Aspinwall.

ACAPULCO.....Thursday, Dec. 16, 12 noon

touching at all Central American and Pacific ports.

EXCURSION TICKETS

TO THE CHILIAN EXPOSITION AND RETURN,

Good till March, 1876. $351, gold.

Outward, only $221, gold.

From San Francisco for Japan and China.

CITY OF PEKING.....Jan. 1
FROM SAN FRANCISCO for AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND, via HONOLULU SANDWICH ISLANDS.
Steam-ship.....Monday, Jan. 3

For freight or passage apply at Pier No. 42 North River.

H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.

WILSON LINE FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HULL.

Sailing from Pier No. 53 North River:

OTHELLO.....Dec. 18 | COLOMBO.....Jan. 15
HISBOO.....Jan. 1 | NAVARINO.....Jan. 29

First cabin, $70, currency; second cabin, $40, currency; excursion tickets on very favorable terms. Through tickets issued to Continental and Baltic ports. Apply for full particulars to CHARLES L. WILSON & CO., No. 56 South st.

SHIPPING.

RED STAR LINE.

Appointed to carry the Belgian and United States mails. The following steamers are appointed to sail

FOR ANTWERP.

From Philadelphia. From New-York.
NEDERLAND.....Dec. 23 | SWITZERLAND.....Dec. 11
VADERLAND.....Jan. 15 | STATE OF NEVADA..Jan. 4

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For Philadelphia. For New-York.
VADERLAND.....Dec. 23 | STATE OF NEVADA..Dec. 11
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PRICES OF PASSAGE IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin, $90; Second Cabin, $60.

Steerage tickets to and from all points at the lowest rates.

Passenger accommodations for all classes unsurpassed.

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NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.

Company's Pier, foot of 2d st., Hoboken.

ODER.....Sat., Dec. 18 | SALIER.....Sat., Jan. 8
MOSEL.....Sat., Jan. 1 | NECKAR.....Sat., Jan. 15

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN:

First cabin.....$100 gold
Second cabin.....60 gold
Steerage.....30 currency

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United States and Brazil Mail Steam-ships,

Sailing regularly every month from

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Calling at ST. JOHN'S, PORTO RICO.

NELLIE MARTIN, 3,000 tons.....Jan. 23, at 1 P. M.
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J. B. WALKER, 2,700 tons.....March —

These steamers are perfectly new, with all the latest improvements, having first-class passenger accommodations.

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WEEKLY FLORIDA LINE.

For Port Royal, S. C.; Fernandina, Fla.; Brunswick, Ga., the favorite and well-known steamer HATTERAS, Mankin, Master, having superior accommodations for passengers, will sail THURSDAY, Dec. 16, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M., for above ports, making connections with all points South and South-west, via Port Royal, the Florida and Brunswick Railroads.

First-class passage to Fernandina.....$20 00
First-class passage to Jacksonville.....22 50
First-class passage to Augusta.....20 00
First-class to Albany.....22 50

Through tickets issued to all points South and South-west.

For freight or passage, apply to

HERM. GELPCKE,
No. 5 William st.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA

DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 13 North River, as follows:

COLUMBUS.....TUESDAY, Dec. 14
CRESCENT CITY.....THURSDAY, Dec. 23

Accommodations unsurpassed. For freight or passage apply to WM. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green; McKELLER LULING & CO., Agents in Havana.

NEW-YORK, HAVANA AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE. Steamers leave Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, Dec. 16
CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, Dec. 28
CITY OF VERA CRUZ.....Thursday, Dec. 30

FOR VERA CRUZ AND NEW-ORLEANS, Calling at HAVANA, PROGRESO, CAMPEACHY, TUSPAN, and TAMPICO

CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, Dec. 28
CITY OF HAVANA.....Tuesday, Jan. 18

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J. ALEXANDRE & SONS, Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway.

Steamers will leave New-Orleans Dec. 16 and Jan. 1 or Vera Cruz and all the above ports.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE

AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

Trains leave New-York from foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 6 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 6 and 8:30 P. M.

For Williamsport and Lock Haven, (via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division, connecting at Philadelphia,) 9:30 A. M. For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, 8:30 P. M., connecting at Corry for Titusville, Petroleum Centre, and the Oil Regions.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, "Limited Washington Express" of Pullman Parlor Cars daily, except Sunday, 9:30 A. M.; arrive Washington, 4:10 P. M. Regular at 8:40 A. M. 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 7, 7:30, 8:40, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 4:10, 5, 6, 7, 8:30, 9, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5, 6, 7, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 2 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, and 7 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:50, and 6:20 P. M.

For New Brunswick, 7, 8, and 11 A. M., 2, 3:10, 4:10, 5:20, 6:10, 7 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 7 P. M.

For East Millstone, 11 A. M., 3 and 5:20 P. M.

For Kingston and Rocky Hill, 8:40 A. M. and 4:10 P. M.

For Princeton, 7, 8:40 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4:10 and 7 P. M.

For Lambertville, 9:30 A. M., 2, 3 and 4:10 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Mercer and Somerset Branch, 3 P. M.

For Trenton, Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:30 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4, 5, and 7 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:30 A. M., 2 and 4:10 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Hightstown, Pemberton, and Camden, via Perth Amboy, 2:30 P. M., and via Monmouth Junction, 4:10 P. M.

For Hightstown and Pemberton, 6 A. M. via Perth Amboy, and 7:30 A. M. via Monmouth Junction.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:55 and 10:30 A. M. and 9:20 P. M., daily; 10:15 A. M. and 7:40 P. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:20 A. M., 4:05, 5:15, and 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 6:20 A. M. From Philadelphia, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 10:15, 11:20, 11:54 A. M., 2:15, 4:05, 5:15, 6:10, 7:40, 8:44, 9:20, 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 11:54 A. M., 7:40, 9:20, and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket Offices, Nos. 526 and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts.; No. 4 Court st., Brooklyn; Nos. 114, 116, and 118 Hudson st., Hoboken. Emigrant Ticket Office, No. 8 Battery place.

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ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and freight station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg, with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1875.—Leave New-York as follows:

6:30 A. M.—NEWS TRAIN for Easton, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, &c.

6:15 A. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:45 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington and Easton, connects at junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9:00 A. M.—MORNING EXPRESS, Daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

1 P. M.—EXPRESS for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:45 P. M.—EXPRESS for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton.

3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen

5:15 P. M.—EVENING EXPRESS daily, for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

8:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

8:30 P. M.—For Easton.

9:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M.; 12:00 M., 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00 P. M.

R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.
H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.

After Nov. 29, 1875, trains will leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; For Newport at 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. (7 P. M. on Sunday); Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 10 P. M., (10 P. M. on Sundays.)

Way trains as per local time tables.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF CONSOL. STATE BONDS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
NEW-ORLEANS,
DEC. 9, 1875.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with a resolution, adopted by the Board of Liquidation, the interest Coupons on New Consol Bonds, maturing on the 1st of January, prox., will be paid, without rebate, at the Louisiana National Bank in this City, and at the banking-house of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., in New-York, on and after the 15th of December, inst.

CHARLES CLINTON, Auditor.

JERSEY CITY BONDS.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 14, 1875.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Treasurer, City Hall, until Thurday the 23d inst., at 12 o'clock M., for the purchase of the whole or any part of $300,000 of Jersey City Seven Per Cent. Bonds, either coupon or registered, payable in thirty years from July 3, 1876, interest payable semi-annually, viz., Jan. 1 and July 1 in each year.

These bonds are authorized by an act of the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, passed March 31, 1871. The credit and the whole property of the city are pledged for their payment, and they are free from taxation in this State.

They are issued to pay a like amount falling due on Jan. 1, 1876—and are not to increase the bonded debt of the city.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids if not considered for the best interest of the city to accept them.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for Jersey City Bonds," and addressed to

I. I. VAN DER BEEK,
President Board of Finance and Taxation,
or T. C. BROWN, Chairman Finance Committee.
ISAAC MORRIS, Jr., Treas. Clerk.

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C. D. WOOD. S. D. DAVIS.

THE MARIPOSA LAND AND MINING COMPANY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, NOS. 9 AND 11 NASSAU ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1875.

THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have levied an assessment of $1 per share on the preferred and common stock, payable at this office on or before Dec. 31.

MORRIS H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

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Interest payable in Boston, January and July.

For sale by

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Assessors' valuation.....$50,000,000
Total debt (including this loan) less than.. 3,000,000
Individual liability of citizens.

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$35,000 Albermarle and Chesapeake Canal Company Bonds.

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AN ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR, WITH PRIVATE table, No. 31 West 16th st.; these rooms are about to be vacated, the family of the present occupant going to Europe. He can heartily recommend them to any one desiring a delightful home, and superior accommodations.

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NO. 47 WEST 35TH ST.—FRONT ROOMS, communicating, containing large closets and every convenience; also, rooms suitable for one or two gentlemen, with board; location, house, and all its appointments, superior. References.

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NO. 51 WEST 36TH ST.—HANDSOME SUITE, three rooms, second floor, now vacated, having been occupied by one family two years, let together or separately, with excellent board; terms moderate. References.

FIFTH AV., NO. 140, CORNER 19TH ST.—Parlor and bedroom, second floor, front (unexpectedly vacant,) with or without private table, to let to a satisfactory couple; best references in or out of the house.

MOST BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE APARTMENTS on 5th av., near 48th st.; private table only. Address A. P., Box No. 301 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

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TO LET—WITH BOARD, TILL SPRING, TWO large rooms with hall bedroom attached, on Main st., near Brick Church Station, Orange, N. J. Address H.

NO. 4 WEST 22D ST.—SECOND FLOOR LARGE and hall rooms, handsomely furnished; single room, with board; house unexceptionable; moderate prices.

THIRD STORY, FRONT HALL ROOM to a gentleman, with board, in an American family of adults; terms moderate; references exchanged. No. 236 West 37th st.

NO. 40 EAST 9TH ST., NEAR BROADWAY.—To let, with board, large rooms on second and third floors, suitable for gentlemen and wives; rooms for gentlemen; day boarders accommodated.

THIRTY-FOURTH ST., NEAR BROADWAY.—To let, with board, handsome large, sunny room, second floor. No. 150 West 34th st.

THIRTY-FOURTH ST., NO. 161 EAST.—Nicely-furnished rooms and board, double and single; panic prices.

FIFTH AV., NO. 341.—MRS. SEAVER.—Desirable apartments rented with private table, or to gentlemen, with breakfast.

NO. 137 WEST 13TH ST.—NEWLY-FURNISHED single and connecting rooms; excellent table; references.

ONE OR TWO GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACcommodated with first-class board by a family occupying their own house, at No. 43 West 22d st.

NO. 33 WEST 33D ST.—DESIRABLE ROOMS for families and gentlemen, with board, at moderate prices.

NO. 33 WEST 45TH ST.—WITH BOARD, ONE square and one hall room, connecting, on third floor.

TO LET—WITH BOARD, ELEGANT SUITES OF rooms, also single rooms and fine basement. No. 119 East 23d st.

NO. 104 EAST 23D ST.—TWO LARGE, HANDsome rooms, with good table and few boarders; references exchanged.

A PRIVATE FAMILY WILL RENT, WITH board, a large, sunny front room, on second floor, at reduced price. No. 280 4th av.

TWENTY-THIRD ST., EAST, NO. 100.—A suite of rooms on parlor floor; rooms on fourth floor, with board.

NO. 147 EAST 18TH ST.—TO LET, TO GENtlemen only, three comfortably-furnished rooms, with or without breakfast; references exchanged.

NO. 145 WEST 44TH ST.—PLEASANT ROOMS, with first-class board, for gentleman and wife or single gentlemen. Reference.

FIFTH AV., NO. 81, ONE DOOR BELOW 16TH ST., H. K. GAGE.—Two or three rooms, second floor, to let with board; references exchanged.

NO. 117 WEST 34TH ST., FOUR DOORS WEST of Broadway—An elegant suite of rooms on parlor floor, with private table; references exchanged.

FIFTH AV., NO. 397.—A VERY PLEASANT suite of rooms on second floor; private table; also rooms for gentlemen; reference.

NO. 31 WEST 18TH ST.—HANDSOMELY-FURnished rooms on parlor and second floors, with first-class board; references.

HANDSOME FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH or without board, first-class house, No. 55 West 9th st., between 5th

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Rev. W. R. Alger will lecture on "Chivalry" at Unity Chapel, Harlem, this evening.

At the meeting of the Board of Police yesterday Patrolman Fitzimons, of the Special Service Squad, was dismissed the department for drunkenness.

At the Olivet Chapel, No. 63 Second street, this evening, Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., will deliver a free lecture on "Home and Sunday-school Teaching."

In view of the recent statement regarding the matter, Mr. Everett P. Wheeler desires it to be understood that he is not and never has been a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Public Works.

A communication received by the Board of Police yesterday from a lawyer, requesting the withdrawal of officers stationed in front of the gambling-house No. 8 Barclay street, was referred to the Superintendent with power.

From the report of the committee which had charge of the dedication of Masonic Hall it appears that the receipts from various sources for the celebration amounted to $13,771 25. The disbursements were $9,809 34, the balance being $3,961 91.

The stockholders of the Missouri Pacific Railroad will meet this afternoon at No. 25 William street, to take action in reference to the negotiation or sale of the income bonds, the improvement bonds, and the third mortgage bonds of the company.

The steam-ship Dakota, for Liverpool, yesterday carried a mail consisting of 34,340 letters and 41 bags of papers; the Columbus, for Havana, 3,014 letters and 2 bags of papers, and the Leo, 261 letters and 2 bags of papers. Total, 37,615 letters; 46 bags of papers.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Republican Benevolent Association, held on Monday, the following officers were elected: President, Ralph Sherlick; Vice President, William Muller; Secretary, August Mass; Treasurer, James Saurer, and Sergeant at Arms, Louis Olorich.

Eliza Casey, who claims to be a cloak-maker, residing at No. 316 Marcy avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested last evening at A. T. Stewart & Co.'s store, corner of Broadway and Tenth street, by Special Officer Orser, charged with the theft of some kid gloves. The woman was locked up at Police Headquarters.

Henry Wilson, who was arrested on Monday evening, having been detected in the act of attempting to pawn a roll of cloth which he had evidently stolen, was taken sick in a cell at the Prince Street Police Station. Police Surgeons Cook and Walker, who were summoned to attend him, found him suffering from small-pox, and he was removed to the Riverside Hospital.

Sarah Alexander, a Jewess, aged seventeen, left her home in Essex street on Sunday afternoon to seek employment. She was seen in Bayard street at 4 o'clock P. M., but since that time she has not been heard from by any of her relatives or friends. The missing girl speaks very little English. The Police have been furnished with her description and are searching for her.

The annual Homœopathic ball will take place on the 22d inst. Among the officers and managers are: Mr. George Hoffman, President; Dr. F. Seeger, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Gen. Dunn, Chairman of the Reception Committee. Prominent among the Vice Presidents are Gen. Dix, Admiral Trenchard, Gen. Sigel, Mrs. E. Porter Beach, Mrs. Barrows, "Aunt Fanny," Morris Phillips, and Judge and Mrs. Barrett.

Marcus McGeary, of No. 23 Cornelia street, Brooklyn, and William Harper, of No. 503 West Forty-third street, Brooklyn, were yesterday arraigned before Justice Kasmire, at the Washington Place Police Court, charged with having stolen a case of furs valued at $200. The furs having been found on the premises No. 306 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, the prisoners admitted their guilt and were committed in default of $2,000 bail to answer.

At a meeting of the Grain Committee of the Produce Exchange yesterday the following rule was adopted:

No grades will be established for heated or unmerchantable grain of any kind; therefore, such grain, when inspected, will be treated as provided in rule 7 of the rules of the Produce Exchange, contained in the agreement with the railroad companies. The word "warm" is hereby directed to be stricken out of the description of the "no grade" corn.

Judge Blatchford, in the United States District Court, yesterday rendered a decision in the case of William R. Janeway & Co., alleged bankrupts, declining to allow a second meeting of the creditors. He rules that the firm must, in accordance with the agreement first made, pay in five equal installments, of fifteen per cent. each, in twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, and thirty-six months, seventy-five per cent. of its indebtedness, and that the individual members of the firm must pay their debts in full, in installments of twenty per cent. and at similar periods.

Coroner Kessler held an inquest in the case of Elizabeth Connolly, who died from pneumonia caused by cancer of the breast, accelerated, as is alleged, by improper treatment at the hands of a quack named John Linguist, who treated her by applying an ointment containing mineral ingredients. The jury rendered a verdict against Linguist, and recommended that the law relating to irregular practitioners be stringently enforced. Linguist was committed to the Tombs in default of $2,000 bail.

At a special meeting of the State Charities Aid Association yesterday, Mr. Prime read a communication from the Board of United Charities requesting the State Charities Aid Association to appoint a committee of three of its members to confer with a similar committee from the Board of United Charities for the purpose of preparing and submitting a plan in accordance with the recommendations of the special committee reporting to the board on Friday last. The following committee was appointed: Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Mr. Henry E. Pellew, and Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler.

A committee of the City Council of Philadelphia, consisting of S. A. Miller, Chairman; Joseph Poist, Clerk of the Select Council; Hugh Mullen, Clerk of the Common Council; Mortimer Johnson, Messenger of the Select Council; Nathan Sperery, Samuel Williamson, John Clouds, W. H. Smith, Hicks Hayhurst, and David Monet, arrived in this City yesterday morning for the purpose of making an examination of the system of fire-escapes in use here, with a view of adopting the same for use in the Quaker City. They are accompanied by the President of the Board of Fire Commissioners, J. Londonslager, Fire Commissioner W. A. Porter, and Chief of the Fire Department W. H. Johnson.

BROOKLYN.

Patrick Shanahan, who stabbed Alice Cunningham at Bergen Point on Friday night, was yesterday arrested at the residence of his brother-in-law, Patrick Collins, in Front street, in this city.

A new Democratic General Committee is being formed in Kings County, which threatens to be a formidable rival to the Democratic General Committee controlled by ex-Register Hugh McLaughlin.

There is much indignation among the citizens of Brooklyn at the exorbitant and reckless charges of the gas companies. Meters are being returned by the hundred, and stores and other business places all over the city are now lighted with kerosene lamps.

In the Supreme Court yesterday an application was made to Judge Gilbert, by the old Charity Commissioners whose conviction of malfeasance in office was declared illegal, for a mandamus compelling the Board of Supervisors to hand over to them their back pay. Decision reserved.

In the case of the suits of Mr. Bowen against the *Eagle*, Mr. Charles E. Fellows, of Hartford, Conn., was yesterday appointed to take the testimony of H. E. Pearsall, of that city. Other commissions were appointed to take testimony in behalf of the defendants.

At the annual convocation of Constellation Chapter, No. 209, R. A. M., held on the 13th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: James Mitchell, H. P.; Charles E. Van Vlack, K.; Aug. K. Sloan, S.; Luther I. Rice, Treasurer; Henry Rogers, Secretary; John W. Richardson, C. H.; William Sherer, P. S.; Burleigh L. Crans, R. A. C.; E. O. Reeve, M. 3d V.; W. W. Bragg, Jr., M. 2d V.; A. W. Duxbury, M. 1st V.

A quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Union Missionary Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Church of the Pilgrims. Rev. Arthur Crosby presided. The annual report of the Treasurer showed that the receipts during the year had been $33,363 46 and the expenditures $32,963 46. Mrs Samuel Pruyn, of Albany, who was sent out by the society nearly five years ago as a missionary to Japan, gave an account of the religious, educational, and social life of the inmates of the Union Home and School of Yokohama, of which she had charge.

LONG ISLAND.

An association has been organized at Queens, similar to the one at Jamaica Village, for rifle practice. The officers are as follows: President, Joseph Fish; Secretary, Capt. T. Bruer; Treasurer, H. Wendler. Queens is but a short distance from Creedmoor, and the members will practice at the latter place.

The farmers living along the lines of the Long Island and Southern Railroads have for some time past been complaining of the high rates of freight, especially for manure. Yesterday a delegation of the Farmers' Protective Union visited the Superintendents of both roads, and, after a long consultation, Mr. Isaac D. Barton, of the Southern Road, agreed on and after to-day to reduce the freight rates on manure.

It is understood that Mr. Stephen B. French, whose term of office as County Treasurer of Suffolk County will expire at the close of the present month, and who was a candidate for re-election, proposes to contest the election of Mr. Newins, his opponent and that, he has placed his case in the hands of Henry Smith, of Albany. Newins was declared by the Board of Supervisors to be elected by a majority of ten or eleven votes.

STATEN ISLAND.

At a meeting of the Sunday-school teachers of Trinity Church, West Brighton, the following officers were chosen: Superintendent, A. C. Hillyer; Assistant Superintendent, George Hallock; Secretary, William Gibson; Treasurer, Jefferson Bodine; Librarians, Charles Hubbard, Horace Hillyer, and William Harmon.

Harness thieves are still industrious upon Staten Island. The last robbery was that of Mr. T. D. Browning's stables, on the Clove road, near the residence of Mr. Erastus Brooks. The thieves got two sets of valuable harness and some clothing. This makes over a dozen stables which have recently been robbed on the island. Some of the stolen goods have been traced to New-York.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

A gang of burglars made quite an extensive raid in the town of Rye on Sunday night, entering no less than eleven different places, covering an area of about three miles. They, however, obtained but a small amount of plunder by their operations. They broke into the Post Office at Rye Station, opened all the letters which had been deposited for the mails, as well as those which awaited delivery. At the residence of Mr. Grecean they were fired at by a son of Mr. Grecean, and the rogues returned the fire, the bullet lodging in the base-board of the room near the spot where the young man stood.

NEW-JERSEY.

There were sixty-one deaths in Newark last week, of which nineteen were from diphtheria.

The New-Jersey Academy of Medicine will hold a session in Library Hall, Newark this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock.

The Middlesex Grand Jury came into court yesterday and presented twenty three bills of indictment. The Judge complimented and discharged them.

At the meeting of the Jersey City Board of Works yesterday, $60,000 in bonds were ordered issued for street improvements and $20,000 of water scrip.

Morris Condon, an employe of the New-Jersey Central Railroad at Bayonne, was crushed yesterday between the bumpers while coupling cars and sustained probably fatal injuries.

Dennis Hurley, a tramp, was arrested in New-Brunswick yesterday for attempting to set fire to a hay-press on Mrs. Merrill's farm, about nine miles from the city. He was committed for trial.

The Pamrapo Club-house, at Pamrapo, owned by Patrick McGiehan, was damaged by fire Monday night to the extent of $800. A son of Mr. McGiehan, while assisting the firemen, fell from a ladder and broke his leg.

Murty Craven, aged ten years, residing with his parents on Sipp avenue, Jersey City, was fatally burned last evening while attempting to light a fire with the aid of kerosene-oil. His head and face were horribly disfigured.

The boy Hazleton, who stole the horse and wagon a few days ago from William Compton, in Newark, on a forged order purporting to have been signed by Edwin Allen, has been arrested in Newton, Sussex County, and was brought to Newark yesterday to await trial. He sold the horse for $150, and on going to get the money was arrested.

Fritz A. Meyer, the President of the Union Hill Council, who mysteriously disappeared a short time ago, communicated with his wife yesterday, informing her that he was in Canada and advising her to sell out his drug store and join him. As the Finance Committee of the Council declared, after a careful investigation, that he was not a defaulter to the township, the cause of his disappearance is involved in mystery.

A woman giving her name as Catharine McGuire went to Police head-quarters at a late hour Monday night, with a child in her arms, and bleeding profusely from a deep gash in her forehead. She said she had gone out to look for her husband, who had not returned home at the usual hour, and found him in Felix O'Hare's house on Hunterdon street. The door was opened by O'Hare, who, when she inquired for her husband, called her a vile name and struck her on the head with a chair. Her wound was dressed by a physician and her assailant arrested.

The funeral of the late Dr. Dunham, of New-Brunswick, whose mysterious death is the cause of so much excitement, took place yesterday afternoon. The body laid in state in the assembly-room at Masonic Hall from 9 o'clock in the morning until noon, and was then removed to the house, where funeral services were performed by Rev. Drs. Nichols and Hartranft. It was subsequently taken to Grace Church, where additional services were performed, and thence to the cemetery, followed by several Masonic lodges and a vast concourse of people. The mystery of the Doctor's death seems to be as far from solution as ever.

J. & C. JOHNSTON.

J. & C. Johnston, of Broadway, Fifth avenue, and Twenty-second street, are offering an unusually fine assortment of dry goods, carpets, and upholstering for the holidays. In silks alone this firm have on exhibition $1,000,000 worth of goods, consisting chiefly of the most celebrated French manufacturers' productions. The black silk department contains a magnificent assortment of bonnets, Tapissier's, Pouson's, Guinet's, Belon's, Jurie's, and Hamot's goods, ranging in prices from ninety cents to $12 the yard. The stock of colored silks is very extensive, and consists of some 6,000 pieces in every known color and in the latest shades of the season. The evening shades of bridal silks and satins are numerous and beautiful, and have been opened but a few days; the colorings are different from those of former seasons, having a softer tint and a much richer appearance when exposed under artificial light. The firm have set apart a counter exclusively for holiday presents, where their customers will find something from every department in their house, and at prices much below those charged for the same articles when cut from the piece. This they do in order that customers may benefit by the holiday reductions. The firm keep constantly on hand a large assortment of the best English and French hosiery and underclothing, together with a large variety of gentlemen's furnishing goods in neck wear, white linen shirts, collars, cuffs, bosoms, and handkerchiefs. Their stock of Dent's celebrated London town-made ladies' and gentlemen's kid gloves is, perhaps, the largest in the United States, as they make a special feature of the importation of these goods. The lace department is unusually replete this season, and contains very rich laces in point, point applique, and Duchesse, lace handkerchiefs, barbes and ties; point applique shawls are marked from one to five hundred dollars. The newest thing of the season are the Oriental novelties in the way of gentlemen's smoking jackets, caps, and morning gowns. These garments are composed entirely of real India silk. The outside material, linings, and padding are all silk, and are light and exceedingly warm, and the colorings are both odd and beautiful. The assortment of ladies' Indian morning wrappers is beautiful, and for those who can afford it, they make one of the most useful and appropriate gifts of the season. These garments, like the gentlemen's, are all silk and will not weigh twenty ounces. The prices are exceedingly moderate, and the workmanship is so artistic that such a garment would make the most attractive articles in the wardrobe of a refined lady of taste. This firm has also on exhibition an extraordinary piece of Eastern housewife industry in the shape of a genuine Chinese bed comfortable, every particle of which is pure silk. It is about as thick as an ordinary bed mattress, does not weigh more than a white Marseilles quilt, and is covered with embroidered emblems of Eastern mythology. In ladies' and children's suits, cloaks and underclothing this firm offer an extensive variety of Paris-made garments in silks, velvets, cloths, cashmeres, and mottled fabrics. Connected with this department is a large dress-making establishment where customers can have a complete outfit made in the most fashionable manner in twenty-four hours if they so desire. India camel's hair shawls are a large feature in this house, and the display for the holiday season is very extensive. The prices range from $20 to $2,500. The stock of furs embraces seal, otter, mink, sable, fox, and Alaska. The display of seal sacques is large and fine, and the prices range from $65 to $300. In the upholstery department extensive preparations have been made for this season, and visitors will find it to their interest to examine the elegant assortment of rich satins, both brocades and plain; also, satin damasks, brocatelles, silk terrys, figured reps, cashmeres, and all sorts of furniture coverings.

THE OLD FRANKLIN PRESS.

One hundred and fifty years have elapsed since Benjamin Franklin worked as a journeyman printer on the old hand-press which will stand side by side with one of Hoe & Co.'s lightning presses at the coming Centennial. A generation has passed away since John B. Murray, a public-spirited citizen of New-York, brought it from its resting-place in England and deposited it in the model-room of the United States Patent Office at Washington for safe keeping. No person now living connected with that office knew anything of its ownership until Hon. Edward Burke, a former Patent Commissioner, certified to the fact, together with Richard B. Kimball, Esq., of this City, who was a passenger in the ship New-York, in which Mr. Murray had shipped the old press and was himself also a passenger. After examining them and other documentary proofs of Mr. Murray's rights as owner, among them one from Messrs. Harrild & Sons, of London, former owners of the press, Hon. R. H. Duell, the present incumbent of the Patent Office, in deciding the question, closes his letter as follows: "While we shall regret to lose so valuable a memento of the past, your right seems to be so well established we feel bound to recognize it, and to say that the printing-press is at your disposal and will be delivered whenever requested. After it shall have served its purpose at the Centennial Exposition we would be very much pleased if you would return it to the Patent Office on deposit for safe keeping."

THE CONDEMNED MURDERERS.

DOLAN'S CASE—AFFIDAVITS OF HIS MOTHER AND SISTER—THE OTHER PRISONERS.

Counsel for the condemned murderer Dolan continue their efforts to save his life, their hope being, as they say, to induce Gov. Tilden to commute his sentence to one of imprisonment for life, and that then they will be able to collect sufficient evidence of his innocence to secure a pardon. Yesterday, Annie Dolan, the sister of the condemned, made an affidavit, of which the following is the substance: She remembers the Sunday morning of the murder of Mr. Noe, from the fact that the night previous she went to confession at the Church of the Transfiguration, in Mott street, and on Sunday morning received communion in the same church at 7 o'clock mass; when she returned home it must have been between 8 and 9 o'clock, and she was not long in the house when her brother entered. She gave him clean underclothing, and, having put them on, he put on over them the same outer garments that he wore when he entered. He then left, saying that he was going to Forsyth street. He returned in the evening for supper and spent the night at home.

Another affidavit was made by Dolan's mother, to the effect that she met him in Bayard street, between 8 and 9 o'clock, as she was returning from 7 o'clock mass. She upbraided him for being drunk, and asked him to go back home with her. He refused, saying he had just come from there, and that he was only going up to Forsyth street, and would be back for supper. He did come back at supper time, and remained home the rest of the night.

On these affidavits and the other testimony which has already been submitted to the Governor an application will be made to him to-day for a commutation of Dolan's sentence to imprisonment for life. Nothing has yet been heard of "Diamond Jim," though all the places that individual is supposed to haunt, in this City and other places, have been watched by the Police. The common belief is that "Diamond Jim" is a myth.

Two colored women visited Ellis, one of the negro murderers, yesterday, and remained in his cell for some time singing psalms and praying. Thompson, another of the three, remains in bed most of the day, and appears to have no friends to visit him. It is looked upon almost as a certainty than Dolan and the negroes will all be hanged on Friday, and a carpenter yesterday examined the prison gallows, with a view to making the alterations necessary for the hanging of four men at once. The gallows as constructed will only allow of three, but by lengthening the cross-beam the extra space required will be obtained.

MOVEMENT FOR SPENCE PETTIS' RELEASE.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The Governor and Council to-day heard the petition of District Attorney Bliss, of New-York, for the release of the forger, Spence Pettis. F. W. Jacobs, of New-York, was associated with Mr. Bliss, and spoke in favor of the release of Pettis. It is not probable that the petition will be granted.

BUY YOUR HOLIDAY PRESENTS AT KNOX'S if you want Fancy Furs, Gents' Collars, and Gauntlets, Canes, Umbrellas, or Hats, for these are the kind of gifts that sensible people will appreciate. Knox's stores are at No. 212 Broadway, No. 333 Broadway, and in the Fifth Avenue Hotel.—*Advertisement.*

WILMINGTON MARKET.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 14.—Spirits of Turpentine firm at 34c. Resin steady at $1 42½ for strained. Tar quiet at $1 65.

PRINT CLOTHS MARKET.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 14.—Printing Cloths dull and unchanged; best 64x64 held at 4¾c., 30 days, for spots, and 4¾c., 60 days, for contracts.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....7:18 | Sun sets.....4:34 | Moon rises. 7:57
HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook...9:42 | Gov. Island. 10:1 | Hell Gate..11:53

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK.....TUESDAY, Dec. 14.

CLEARED.

Steam-ships May Flower, Davidson, Philadelphia, Penn., James Hand; Richmond, Kelley, Norfolk, City Point, and Richmond, Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.; Ann Eliza, Richards, Philadelphia, James Hand; Glaucus, Bearse, Boston, Mass., H. F. Dimock; Leo, Daniels, Savannah, Murray, Ferris & Co.; Columbus, Reed, Havana, Cuba, William P. Clyde & Co.; Java, (Br.,) Martyn, Liverpool, Eng., C. G. Francklyn.

Ships Enoch Train, (Br.,) Duncan, London, Eng., Henderson Bros., Ravenscrag, (Br.,) Biggam, Liverpool, Eng., Henderson Bros.

Barks Primaura, (Ital.,) Cacace, Trieste, Austria, Funch, Edye & Co., cld. Dec. 13; Palo Alto, Jenkins, Liverpool, Eng., H. D. & J. U. Brookman.

Schrs. Chas. E. Sears, Turner, St. John, N. B., Jed Frye & Co.; Ida Richardson, Bedell, Porto Cabello and Maracaibo, D. A. De Dinn; Calista, Whitten, Baltimore, W. Chalmers; Mott Bedell, Swinburn, Cape Haytien and a market, Miller & Houghton.

ARRIVED.

Steam-ship England, (Br.,) Thompson, Liverpool Dec. 1, and Queenstown 2d, with mdse. and 22 cabin and 50 steerage passengers to C. W. J. Hurst. Experienced variable winds during the passage. Dec. 3, no. lat., &c., passed a brig-rigged steamer bound E.; same day, lat. 51 07, lon. 17 53, passed the wreck of a vessel of about 600 or 700 tons, water-logged and abandoned; had round stern, painted black; only mizzen-mast standing, and bulwarks gone fore and aft; it was too dark to see her name; 9th, passed two large icebergs.

Steam-ship City of Mexico, Sherwood, New-Orleans Nov. 21, Tampico 24th, Tuxpan 25th, Vera Cruz Dec. 1, Campeachy 3d, Progreso 4th, and Havana 9th, with mdse. and passengers to F. Alexandre & Sons. Had heavy N. E. gales, with very high sea, to the N. of Hatteras, and heavy S. W. gales after passing the cape.

Steam-ship City of Austin, Eldridge, Galveston Dec. 5, and Key West 9th, with mdse. and passengers to C. H. Mallory & Co.

Steam ship Wyanoke, Couch, Richmond, City Point, and Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.

Steam-ship Nereus, Berry, Boston, with mdse. and passengers to Metropolitan Steam-ship Co.

Steam-ship San Jacinto, Hazard, Savannah Dec. 11, with mdse. and passengers to William R. Garrison.

Steam-ship City of Atlanta, Woodhull, Charleston Dec. 11, with mdse. and passengers to James W. Quintard & Co.

Bark Messell, (Norw.,) Aasaksen, Hamburg 64 da., in ballast, to Funch, Edye & Co. Dec. 8, lat. 36 28, lon. 72 35, signalized a bark from Dunkirk, for Philadelphia, showing signal letters K. J. F. C.

Brig Starlight, (of Bangor,) Tucker, Nassau 10 da., with mdse. to F. T. Montell—vessel to H. W. Lond & Co. Has had strong westerly gales the entire passage.

Brig Gazelle, Dickson, Cardenas Nov. 24, with sugar to order—vessel to master.

Brig Martha A. Berry, (of Portland,) Berry, Havana 15 da. with sugar to order—vessel to Miller & Houghton. Has had a succession of westerly gales the latter part of the passage; has been 7 da. N. of Hatteras; Dec. 7, lat. 24, lon. 80 30, spoke brig Proteus, from Cardenas, for New-York.

Schr. Alfred A. Walley, Willey, Pensacola Nov. 30, with yellow pine to New-haven saw Mill Co.—vessel to Parsons & Loud.

Schr. Jennie Sweeney, (new,) Hudson, May's Landing, N. J., in ballast to Master.

Schr. Mary H. Hand, Hand, Wilmington, N. C., 4 da., with mdse. to Squire Bros.

Schr. Mary E. Simmons, Gandy, Richmond, with mdse. to Overton & Hawkins.

Schr. H. P. Simmons, Willetts, Richmond, with mdse. to Slaght & Petty.

Schr. Charley Woolsey, Ellis, Georgetown, D. C., with coal to Slaght & Petty.

Schr. Breeze, Cranmer, Georgetown, D. C., with coal to Slaght & Petty.

Schr. Nellie H. Benedict, Thompson, Georgetown, D. C.

Schr. H. S. Marlor, Wines, Georgetown, D. C.

Schr. B. C. Terry, Crammer, Georgetown, D. C.

Schr. Amelia G. Ireland, Townsend, Georgetown, D. C.

Schr. W. W. Pharo, Collins, Georgetown, D. C.

Schr. D. S. Miller, Scull, Virginia.

Schr. Addie P. Avery, Ryan, Baltimore.

Schr. Armenia, Cole, Virginia.

Schr. S. J. Gilmore, Sylvester, Fall River.

WIND—Sunset, squally, N. W.; cloudy.

SAILED.

Steam-ships Dakota, for Liverpool; Sidonian, for Glasgow; Columbus, for Havana; Leo, for Savannah; ship Duleep Singh, for London; barks F. L. Carney, for Glasgow; Sophie S. Luns, for Corunna; brigs Abando, for Cardenas; L. M. Merritt, for Matanzas; Laura Gertrude, for Brunswick, Ga.; schr. F. A. Server, for Charleston.

FOREIGN PORTS.

BRIDGEWATER, N. S.—Arr. 12th, schr. A. F. Randolph, (Br.,) Warner, Martinique.

Sld. bark Joequinna for Barbadoes.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Sld. steamer George Shattuck, (Br.,) Guilford, St. Pierre.

H. VANA.—Arr. 12th, bark Endeavor, Mountford, from Pensacola; schr. Harold, (Br.,) Hanson, Portland.

13th.—Brig Antelope, Ray, Shieldsboro'; schrs. Mary Monroe, Hall, New-York; George W. Jewett, Jewett, Portland.

14th.—Steamer City of Vera Cruz, Deaken, New-York.

Sld. 13th, steamer Tappahannock, Pendleton, New-Orleans.

Returned 12th, bark Augustinia, (Sp.,) Sarria, for Pensacola; (3d inst. put back on account of bad weather.)

LIVERPOOL, 14th.—Arr. bark Everett Grey, Loring, Bath, Me.

Sld. 13th, brigs Annie Wharton, (Br.,) British West Indies, and Georgina, (Br.,) Bartling, Jubice.

ST. JOHN, N. B., 14th.—Arr. brigs Annie P. Odell, (Br.,) Liverpool; Quaco, (Br.,) Sydney, Cape Breton; schrs. Carrie, Portland; Cuba, New-York; Martha A., New-York; Ulalume, Philadelphia.

Cld. 13th, schr. Lahaina, Houghton, Cardenas.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS BY CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Sld. Eliza A. Kenny, Bolivia, L. G. Bicelow, William Frederick.

Arr. out on the 6th inst., F. H. Odiorne, Homeward Bound.

Arr. out on the 12th inst., Hovding, Elise Linck.

Arr. out on the 13th inst., Emilie, Don Justo, Hector, Natvig, last four in the Channel; Vanadis, Rjukan, Signal, Janet Forbes, at Barrow; City of Bombay, Bessie Parker, Alaska, Bayard, latter at Liverpool; Activ, Atmosphere, Capris, Gehon, Maria Luigia, Cecilia.

Arr. out on the 14th inst., Betsy Gude, Concordia, Fuel Yama, Scotrene, Montebello, Castilla, Orpheus, Edmond Richardson, Zeburg, Sabine, Caravan, Rota, and Nouveau St. Michel.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 14.—The American Line steamship Ohio, Capt. Morrison, from Philadelphia Dec. 4, for Liverpool, arr. at this port to-day.

The steam-ship State of Indiana, Capt. Sadler, from New-York Dec. 2, for Glasgow, arr. here to-day.

The Cunard steam-ship Batavia, Capt. Morland, from Boston Dec. 4, for Liverpool, arr. here at 7 o'clock this morning.

The steam-ship Spain, Capt. Grace, from New-York Dec. 4, for Liverpool, arr. at Queenstown at noon to-day.

The steam-ship Celtic, Capt. Jennings, of the White Star Line, from New-York Dec. 4, for Liverpool, arr. at this port at 1:30 P. M. yesterday.

MOVILLE, Dec. 14.—The Anchor Line steam-ship Columbia, Capt. Montgomery, from New-York Nov. 28, for Glasgow, arr. here to-day.

LARNE, Dec. 14.—The steamer State of Virginia sld. from this port on Saturday evening last for New-York.

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